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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Atlanta

DATE: September 2, 1964

FROM : Director, FBI (157-9-Main)

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Effective immediately, the Bureau is instituting a coordinated Counterintelligence Program (Cointelpro) directed against Klan-type and hate organizations. Offices receiving copies of this letter are instructed to immediately open an active control file, captioned as above, and to assign responsibility for this program to an experienced and imaginative Special Agent who is well versed in investigation of hate and racist-type organizations and their membership.

The purpose of this program is to expose, disrupt and otherwise neutralize the activities of the various Klans and hate organizations, their leadership and adherents. The activities of these groups must be followed on a continuous basis so we may take advantage of all opportunities for counterintelligence and also inspire action in instances where circumstances warrant. The devious maneuvers and duplicity of these groups must be exposed to public scrutiny through the cooperation of reliable news media sources, both locally and at the Seat of Government. We must frustrate any effort of the groups to consolidate their forces or to recruit new or youthful adherents. In every instance, consideration should be given to disrupting the organized activity of these groups and no opportunity should be missed to capitalize upon organizational and personal conflicts of their leadership.

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Letter to Atlanta

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The following Klan organizations, currently under active investigation, should be considered for counterintelligence action:

1. Association of Arkansas Klans of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.
2. Association of Georgia Klans.
3. Association of South Carolina Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.
4. Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Hinton, West Virginia.
5. Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.
6. Improved Order of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.
7. Independent Klavern, Fountain Inn.
8. Independent Klan Unit, St. Augustine, Florida.
9. Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Aka.
10. Mississippi Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.
11. National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.
12. Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.
13. Pioneer Club, Orlando, Florida.
14. United Florida Ku Klux Klan.
15. United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.
16. U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.
17. White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

The following hate organizations currently being afforded active investigation are included in this program.

1. Alabama States Rights Party (Origin: Mobile)
2. American Nazi Party (Origin: Richmond)

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3. Council for Statehood, aka, Freemen
(Origin: Miami)
4. Fighting American Nationalists
(Origin: Baltimore)
5. National States Rights Party
(Origin: Birmingham)
6. National Renaissance Party
(Origin: New York)
7. United Freemen (Origin: Miami)
8. Viking Youth of America (Origin: Tampa)
9. White Youth Corps (Origin: Chicago)

On or before 10/15/64, participating offices are instructed to submit to the Bureau a detailed analysis of potential counterintelligence action against pertinent organizations and individuals active within their respective territories and specific recommendations should be included for any logical immediate counterintelligence action. Recommendations submitted under this program must include all necessary facts to enable the Bureau to intelligently pass upon the feasibility of the proposed action. In instances where a reliable and cooperative news media representative or other source outside the Bureau is to be contacted or utilized in connection with a proposed counterintelligence operation, it will be incumbent upon the recommending office to furnish assurances the source will not reveal the Bureau's interest or betray our confidence.

Offices participating in this program who have investigative responsibility for Klan organizations should specifically comment in the initial letter to the Bureau regarding "Action Groups." As these offices are aware, these groups have been described as the relatively few individuals in each organization who use strong-arm tactics and violent actions to achieve their ends. Often these groups act without the approval of the Klan organization

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or membership. The Bureau considers it vital that we expose the identities and activities of such groups and where possible disrupt their efforts. These groups should be subjected to continuing counterintelligence action.

No counterintelligence action may be initiated by the field without specific Bureau authorization.

Commencing 1/1/65 and every 3 months thereafter, each participating office should submit to the Bureau a status letter covering the prior 3-month period, including comments under the following captions:

1. Potential Counterintelligence Action
2. Pending Counterintelligence Action
3. Tangible Results

If necessary, a 4th caption "Miscellaneous" may be utilized for additional comments.

Recommendations for counterintelligence action should not be included in 90-day status letters to the Bureau but following the initial analysis due 10/15/64, should be submitted individually by separate letter.

All Special Agent personnel responsible for the investigation of Klan-type and hate organizations and their membership should be alerted to our counterintelligence plans relating to these groups. Counterintelligence action directed at these groups is intended to complement and stimulate our accelerated intelligence investigations. Each investigative Agent has a responsibility to call to the attention of the counterintelligence coordinator suggestions and possibilities for implementing the program. You are cautioned that the nature of this new endeavor is such that under no circumstances should the existence of the program be made known outside the Bureau and appropriate within-office security should be afforded this sensitive operation.

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The Bureau is pleased with past successes achieved by our counterintelligence efforts in other phases of our investigative responsibilities. To insure our success in this new endeavor, the Agent to whom the program is assigned in each office must have a detailed knowledge of the activities of the racist groups in the territory and that knowledge must be coupled with interest, initiative and imagination. The Agent must be alert for information which has a disruptive potential. The information will not come to him -- he must look for it. The most effective way of being assured of keeping on top of the situation is to maintain close contact with those Agents who handle the investigation of the racial and hate groups and their membership and also to periodically review relevant files.

If an enthusiastic approach is made to this new endeavor, there is no reason why the results achieved under this program will not equal or surpass our achievements in similar type programs directed against subversives.

Miami, Florida
September 21, 1964

MEMO TO SA HAROLD K. PARSON:

RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
Miami file 157-1114

Re Bureau letter to Atlanta dated 9/2/64, marked "PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL," one copy of which is attached hereto.

It is noted this letter indicates that this Program should apply specifically to Klan organizations which would include the Sebring Klavern as well as any other hate type groups such as the St. Lucie County Rebels, etc.

This Program should be given immediate attention and prior to 10/15/64 you should submit your recommendations as required by this letter.

SA LEONARD PETERSON will be coordinating the Program in the Miami Office and all material pertaining thereto should be afforded appropriate security and forwarded Registered Mail. No mention of this Program should appear in the case file.

Supervisor HOMER A. NEWMAN, JR.

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Miami, Florida
September 21, 1964

MEMO TO SA ROBERT W. WISEMAN

RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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Miami file 157-1114

Re Bureau letter to Atlanta, 9/2/64, marked
"PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL," one copy of which is
attached hereto.

The contents of the enclosed Bureau letter
should be thoroughly reviewed by you and Agents assigned
to the West Palm Beach RA.

As you will note, this letter specifically includes
for consideration in this Program, the Council for Statehood
and the United Free Men.

Possible activity under this Program should be
given thoughtful attention and the recommendations of the
West Palm Beach RA, particularly as it applies to the
above 2 organizations, should be submitted to the Miami
Office prior to 10/15/64.

This Program is being coordinated by SA LEONARD
PETERSON in the Miami Office and your recommendations
should be submitted to him.

Communications in connection with this program
should be afforded the appropriate Security and Registered
Mail utilized. No mention of this Program should appear
in the case file.

Supervisor HOMER A. NEWMAN, JR.

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Miami, Florida
September 21, 1964

MEMO TO SA JOSEPH I. GREALY:

RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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Miami file 157-1114

Re Bureau letter to Atlanta, 9/2/64, marked "PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL," one copy of which is enclosed. This letter should be thoughtfully reviewed by you and discussed with any appropriate Agents assigned to the Ft. Lauderdale RA, in order to develop suggestions which may be utilized in connection with this Program.

It is recognized that at the moment you do not have any active organizations in the Ft. Lauderdale area that might fall into this group, however, you do not know when such organizations may become active and the early utilization of a counterintelligence program could, in many instances, kill the effectiveness of such a group before it gets started.

As you will note, 10/15/64 is the deadline for the initial communication in this matter and you should submit any suggestions you have by then to SA LEONARD PETERSON, who is coordinating the program in the Miami Office.

Communications in this matter should be afforded appropriate security and only Registered Mail utilized. No mention of this Program should appear in the case file.

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Miami, Florida
September 21, 1964

MEMO TO SA RALPH L. JENSEN:

RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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Miami file 157-1114

Re Bureau letter to Atlanta, 9/2/64, marked
"PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL," one copy of which is
enclosed.

It is recognized that at the moment you do not have any active organizations in the Key West area that might fall into this group, however, you do not know when such organizations may become active and the early utilization of a counterintelligence program could, in many instances, kill the effectiveness of such a group before it gets started.

As you will note, 10/15/64 is the deadline for the initial communication in this matter and you should submit any suggestions you have by then to SA LEONARD PETERSON, who is coordinating the program in the Miami Office.

Communications in this matter should be afforded appropriate security and only Registered Mail utilized. No mention of this Program should appear in the case file.

Supervisor HOMER A. NEWMAN, JR.

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Miami, Florida
September 21, 1964

MEMO TO SA CHARLES W. KELLY:

RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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Re Bureau letter to Atlanta, 9/2/64, marked
"PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL," one copy of which is
enclosed.

It is recognized that at the moment you do not have any active organizations in the Homestead area that might fall into this group, however, you do not know when such organizations may become active and the early utilization of a counterintelligence program could, in many instances, kill the effectiveness of such a group before it gets started.

As you will note, 10/15/64 is the deadline for the initial communication in this matter and you should submit any suggestions you have by then to SA LEONARD PETERSON, who is coordinating the program in the Miami Office.

Communications in this matter should be afforded appropriate security and only Registered Mail utilized. No mention of this Program should appear in the case file.

Supervisor HOMER A. NEWMAN, JR.

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Re Bureau letter to Atlanta, 9/2/64.

The following news media can be utilized in the Cointelpro upon confirmation of any action group forming in Miami and Ft. Lauderdale, Florida (Dade and Broward Counties):

Newspapers

"Miami Herald"

A morning Miami, Florida, daily newspaper
GEORGE BEEBE, Managing Editor (SAC Contact)

"The Miami News"

An evening local Miami, Florida, newspaper
WILLIAM C. BAGGS, Editor (SAC Contact)

"The Ft. Lauderdale News"

A daily Broward County newspaper
MILTON KELLY, Editor

TV Stations

WCKT-TV, Channel 7, NBC

GENE STRUHL, News Director

WLBW-TV, Channel 10, ABC

CHARLES H. TOPMILLER, General Manager (SAC Contact)
CHARLES MATTHEWS, National Sales Director

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Radio Stations

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At Sebring, Florida
(Highlands County)

United Florida Ku Klux Klan
Sebring Klavern

Through recent information furnished by [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] it is noted that the Sebring Klavern is apparently dying out. Attendance at the weekly meetings has been very poor with a maximum of 3 to 4 in attendance.

[FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]

In view of the above, the Sebring Klavern will probably become inactive in the very near future. It is felt that any counterintelligence move at the present time would possibly result in a renewed interest and regrouping by the members rather than the desired results.

Should the Sebring Klavern not disband in the near future, it is then felt that information could be confidentially furnished to Highlands County Sheriff BROWARD COKER, Sebring, as to time, date and location of the Ku Klux Klan meetings. Sheriff's Department patrol cars could patrol the area in an obvious fashion in order to disrupt the meetings and cause concern among those in attendance.

Sheriff COKER has been very cooperative and has reflected a distaste for any Ku Klux Klan activity in his county. It is not felt that Sheriff COKER would in any way reveal the Bureau's interest or betray our confidence.

It is felt that counterintelligence contact with the Sebring press would be unwise.

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Reported Attempts to Organize Klavern
of United Florida Ku Klux Klan in
Sebastian, Florida (Indian River County)

It is recommended that immediately upon confirmation of the attempted organization of a Ku Klux Klan Klavern in Indian River County, that counterintelligence steps be taken to discourage same.

The "Ft. Pierce News Tribune," a daily newspaper with circulation including Indian River County, could be utilized. Mr. CHARLES MILEY, Editor, is an SAC contact of the Miami Division and has proven reliable and cooperative in past dealings. Through information furnished to MILEY, the attempt at organizing the Ku Klux Klan in Sebastian, Florida, could be exposed to the community. Community leaders would then likely take steps to counteract the formation of this organization.

It is not felt that Mr. MILEY would in any way reveal the Bureau's interest or betray our confidence.

It is also recommended that LEM BRUMLEY, Chief Deputy, Indian River County Sheriff's Office be furnished information regarding the attempted Ku Klux Klan organization in Sebastian. BRUMLEY could arrange for patrol cars to cover the Ku Klux Klan meetings in an obvious fashion. This would likely discourage attendance and cause concern.

Chief Deputy BRUMLEY is a National Academy graduate and has been completely cooperative with contacting Agents. It is not felt that BRUMLEY would in any way reveal the Bureau's interest or betray our confidence.

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At West Palm Beach, Florida
(Palm Beach County)

Council For Statehood
West Palm Beach, Florida

The Council for Statehood has been found to be not an action group but rather a mailing facility for the writings of MARY M. DAVISON. These writings are disseminated to local and national legislators and all are filed with the Library of Congress in Washington. The dissemination of writings by this group has now become practically negligible. The group is said to have political overtones as a republican group.

It is not recommended that any positive harassment activities be undertaken with regard to this group at this time, since such action, in all probability, would enhance the activities of this group rather than accomplish the desired effect.

United Free Men
West Palm Beach, Florida

This organization is now defunct.

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At the present time there are no known "action groups" within the Miami Division.

SUGGESTIONS FOR COINTELPRO

(1) Many hate groups send literature, to individuals on their mailing lists, which has been distorted or is out of context, regarding individuals and organizations. The literature is intended to promote a hostile and unfavorable image of the organization and/or individual. Favorite targets in this regard are the United Nations and U. S. Supreme Court Justice EARL WARREN.

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It is noted the United Nations has considerable literature setting forth favorable information regarding accomplishments and the desirability of having a United Nations. It would appear appropriate to offset the literature sent out by the hate groups, by sending out favorable information concerning the organization or individual under attack.

(2) Any hate organizations tend to disguise their true identity under the pretext of being a religious study group. Using such a disguise, they find it easy and inexpensive to obtain the facilities of an established church to hold special or organizational meetings.

By using an appropriate pretext, such as a free lance reporter for the local paper, or through a reliable news contact, the individual responsible for the facility could be contacted shortly prior to the planned meeting. At this time, the true identity of the hate organization could be exposed, resulting in considerable disruption, especially if the use of the facilities are canceled at the last moment.

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In September, 1962, and December, 1963, STONER spent several weeks in Florida, including visits to Miami and Vero Beach, Florida, attempting to organize and promote the NSRP. To date the NSRP has failed to gain any "foot hold" within the Miami Division. It is not known if this article was responsible for STONER's failure, however, it does represent a type of counterintelligence.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Miami (157-1114)

DATE: 11/2/64

FROM : Director, FBI (157-9-29)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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(UNITED FLORIDA KU KLUX KLAN)

ReMMlet 10/14/64.

Upon confirmation of the organization of a Klavern of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan at Sebastian, Florida, you are authorized to confidentially furnish information to Charles Miley, Editor of the Fort Pierce "News Tribune" and to Lem Brumley, Chief Deputy, Indian River County Sheriff's Office, Florida, in an effort to expose and frustrate the new organization's formation. Insure these individuals understand the Bureau's interest in this matter must not be revealed.

Advise of any positive results and be alert to submit recommendations for follow-up counterintelligence action.

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Editor: William C. Baggs

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DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-Main)

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
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Re Miami letter to Bureau dated 10/14/64.

Enclosed are three copies of a cartoon which appeared in the "Miami News," November 4, 1964.

By removing the word RETURNS from the cartoon and inserting NSRP (National States Rights Party); this cartoon would simply and clearly point up the platform upon which the NSRP is built. It is believed that the general theme in this cartoon could be used in preparing a cartoon of this type for distribution to people on the mailing list or in sympathy with the NSRP. It is felt the cartoon would have only a harassment effect on the "hard core" of the NSRP; however, people who normally receive NSRP literature and occasionally send in contributions may be deterred from making future contributions to this or similar groups.

The above is being furnished to the Bureau to be considered in the Cointelpro. Bureau policy regarding the use of the U. S. mails would be one of the prime factors in a suggestion of this kind.

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Director, FBI (157-9-Main)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(CARTOONS AND CARICATURES)

The Miami Office by letter dated 11/18/64 forwarded to the Bureau an idea to be used to discredit the National States Rights Party, one of the hate groups considered under this Program. The Bureau does not believe that the idea furnished by the Miami Office contains sufficient impact for use under this Program, but the suggestion that cartoons be utilized to embarrass the Ku Klux Klan and hate groups has considerable merit.

Ridicule can be a devastating weapon and should not be overlooked in regard to the Counterintelligence Program which is aimed at disrupting and discrediting Klan-type and hate organizations. Many prominent Klan leaders and leaders of hate organizations possess idiosyncrasies or become involved in situations which present excellent opportunities to utilize ridicule as a weapon to discredit them both within their own organizations and in the eyes of the general public. The publication of cartoons and caricatures by cooperative news media or the anonymous circulation of them among rank-and-file members of Klan and hate groups will serve to both disrupt the various organizations and to discredit their leadership. Field offices participating in the Counterintelligence Program are urged to carefully assess and consider such a situation involving leaders of the Klan and hate organizations with the idea of portraying them in cartoon form.

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This may be accomplished by submitting the idea to a cartoonist on the staff of a newspaper where we have, established a reliable and discreet relationship or by preparing such cartoons utilizing the talents of SAs with artistic ability. In the event there are no artists in a respective office, a rough draft of a suggested cartoon should be submitted to the Bureau where an effort will be made to produce a suitable cartoon. Where a caricature of a specific individual is involved, this, too, may be prepared at the Bureau providing the suggesting field office will submit appropriate photographs of the individual to be portrayed.

In instances where counterintelligence cartoons are prepared by the field or rough draft for such a cartoon is submitted to the Bureau for preparation, counter-intelligence recommendations should also be forwarded.

No counterintelligence action should be initiated without specific Bureau authority.

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9 Main)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Re Bureau letter to Atlanta, 9/2/64; Miami letter to Bureau, 10/14/64 and Bureau letter to Miami, 11/2/64.

Status Letter

1. Potential Counterintelligence Action.

Referenced Miami letter set forth information regarding attempts to organize a Klan of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan at Sebastian, Florida, Indian River County. To date, plans to organize this Klavern have not materialized. Miami is maintaining close contact with informants and sources and at such time this Klavern is organized, confidential information regarding the Klavern will be furnished to the Editor of the Ft. Pierce "News Tribune" in an effort to expose and frustrate this new organization. (This proposed action has been authorized by Bureau letter to Miami, 11/2/64).

2. Pending Counterintelligence action.

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3. Tangible Results.

Miami suggestion to use cartoons to embarrass and disrupt Klan and hate type organizations was favorably received by the Bureau, and all participating offices have been advised of this suggestion.

4. Miscellaneous

Miami has recently developed information regarding "an action type group" who reportedly are plotting to kill several individuals active in the integration of the Indian River County School System. This matter is captioned, "FRANK J. KAPO, JR., aka. et al; JOE N. IDLETTE, JR.-VICTIM, et al, CIVIL RIGHTS, OO: Miami, Bufile 44-27544, Miami file 44-1517," and is under intensive investigation by the Miami office. No counterintelligence program is being suggested regarding this group of individuals since Miami is conducting an investigation looking towards possible prosecution.

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)

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SAC, MIAMI (157-1114)

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(UNITED FLORIDA KU KLUX KLAN)

Re Bureau letter to Miami, dated 11/2/64.

To date, the attempt to organize a Klavern of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan at Sebastian, Florida has not materialized. EUGENE TURNER, who spearheaded the movement, has now moved to Wabasso, Florida, a neighboring town. He has made limited attempts to recruit new members and through FOIA(b) (7) - (D) it has been determined that TURNER is having little success in this regard. TURNER has stated that when he is able to recruit approximately twelve men, that an initiation would be held and the Klavern organized.

This matter is being closely followed and upon confirmation of the organization of a Klavern of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan at Sebastian, Florida or Wabasso, Florida, information will be confidentially furnished to Mr. CHARLES MILEY, Editor of Fort Pierce "News Tribune" and to LEM BRUMLEY, Chief Deputy, Indian River County Sheriff's Office, Vero Beach, Florida as authorized in referenced letter. Bureau will be advised of any positive results and recommendations submitted for follow-up counterintelligence action.

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Re Bureau letter to Atlanta, 9/2/64.

Enclosed for Atlanta and Birmingham is one Xerox copy each of pertinent portions of Civil Action, Federal Court File Number 10822-M, in the case of EDWARD R. FIELDS, Plaintiff, versus STANLEY POSPISIL, Defendant, Complaint For Libel.

This information contained in this case sets forth, under oath, numerous answers to written questions regarding the personal history of EDWARD R. FIELDS and his association with the National States Rights Party (NSRP).

This matter is being furnished to Atlanta and Birmingham for information, as potential material for use in the COINTELPRO, as it relates to FIELDS and the NSRP.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
FLORIDA
MIAMI DIVISION

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 10822-M

EDWARD R. FIELDS,

Plaintiff,

vs.

STANLEY POSPISIL,

Defendant.

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COMPLAINT FOR LIBEL

NOW COMES, EDWARD R. FIELDS, Plaintiff in the above entitled cause, by J. B. STONER and FRANKS AND GORDON, his attorneys, and complaining of STANLEY POSPISIL, Defendant, states the following:

1.

That he is an adult citizen of the United States and resides in, and is a citizen of, the State of Alabama.

2.

That the Defendant herein, STANLEY POSPISIL, is a citizen of the State of Florida, County of Dade, and resides at 765 N. E. 138th Street, North Miami, Florida.

3.

That the amount in controversy herein exceeds Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars, exclusive of interest and costs and a diversity of citizenship exists as between Plaintiff and Defendant, and this Court has jurisdiction of this action by virtue of Title 28 Section 1332, U.S.C.A.

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4.

That more than five (5) days before instituting this Complaint, Plaintiff served notice in writing on Defendant, specifying the articles, and the statements therein, which are false and defamatory.

5.

That prior to and at all times of the wrongs hereinafter complained of, the Defendant, STANLEY POSPISIL, published a newspaper, to-wit: The FLORIDA STATES RIGHTER, published, circulated, sold, marketed and distributed from time to time by said Defendant throughout the State of Florida, and elsewhere throughout the United States, and had immediate and direct control of all matters published in said publication in its undated editions of Volume 3, Number 4 of August, 1960, and Volume 3, Number 5 of September, 1960.

6.

That in August, 1960, Volume 3, Number 4 of the FLORIDA STATES RIGHTER, the Defendant, unlawfully and maliciously, did compose, write, edit, publish and circulate, and did cause to be composed, printed, written, edited, published and circulated, in his newspaper the FLORIDA STATES RIGHTER, of nation-wide circulation, in the undated issue of August, 1960, circulated in the State of Florida and elsewhere throughout the United States, a certain false, scandalous, malicious, defamatory article on the front page, headlined "WARNING, DON'T BE FOOLED" of and concerning Plaintiff, a photostatic copy of which is hereto attached and by this reference is made a part hereof as though set forth in full, marked "Exh. A."

7.

That in August, 1960, Volume 3, Number 4 of the FLORIDA STATES RIGHTER, the Defendant, unlawfully and maliciously, did edit, publish, and circulate, and did cause to be printed, written,

edited, published and circulated, in his newspaper, the FLORIDA STATES RIGHTER, on page 4, of nation-wide circulation, in the undated issue of August, 1960, circulated in the State of Florida and elsewhere throughout the United States, a certain false, scandalous, defamatory, libelous article headlined "WHEN IS A CANDIDATE NOT A CANDIDATE?" of and concerning Plaintiff, a photostatic copy of which is hereto attached and by this reference is made a part hereof as though set forth in full, marked "Exhibit B."

8.

That in September, 1960, Volume 3, Number . of the FLORIDA STATES RIGHTER, the Defendant, unlawfully and maliciously, did compose, write, edit, publish and circulate, and did cause to be composed, printed, written, edited, published and circulated, in his newspaper, the FLORIDA STATES RIGHTER, of nation-wide circulation, in the undated issue of September, 960, circulated in the State of Florida and elsewhere throughout the United States, a certain false, scandalous, malicious, defamatory, libelous front page article, headlined "ERRORS - OMISSIONS - CORRECTIONS" of and concerning Plaintiff, a photostatic copy of which is hereto attached and by this reference is made a part hereof as though set forth in full, marked "Exhibit C."

9.

Plaintiff avers that he is a person of good character and has enjoyed a good reputation all of his life; that he is a nationally known journalist espousing pro-American conservative doctrines and is extremely anti-communistic in his editorials, writings, speeches and publications.

10.

Plaintiff sustained great damage to his character and reputation

as well as great financial loss by the Defendant's malicious and libelous publication of Exhibits A, B and C, causing the Plaintiff to also suffer public scorn, hatred, distrust, contempt, ridicule, obloquy, and great mental anguish.

II.

By reason of the aforesaid, Plaintiff has suffered damages in the sum of One Million (\$1,000,000.00) Dollars.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, EDWARD R. FIELDS, prays for judgment against the Defendant, STANLEY POSPISIL, in the sum of One Million (\$1,000,000.00) Dollars, together with costs.

J. B. STONER AND
FRANKS AND GORDON
548 Seybold Building
Miami 32, Florida.

By J.B. Stoner
Attorneys for Plaintiff

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

The Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury of the issues in this cause.

J.B. Stoner
Attorneys for Plaintiff

DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR THE
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MIAMI DIVISION

Civil Action File No. 10 - 822

EDWARD R. FIELDS,)
Plaintiff,)
v.) DEFENDANT'S ANSWER. D
STANLEY POSPISIL,)
Defendant.)

FIRST DEFENSE

Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 2 of the complaint; alleges that he is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 1 of the complaint; and denies each and every other allegation contained in the complaint.

SECOND DEFENSE

The defendant says that the matter charged in the complaint as libelous is true and was published for good motives.

THIRD DEFENSE

The defendant says that the alleged libelous language stated in the complaint was published without malice to the plaintiff and was a privileged communication upon which no action can be maintained; that the defendant had probable cause for believing and did believe the same to be true.

FOURTH DEFENSE

The defendant says that at the time of the publication of the alleged libelous language complained of, the defendant was acting for and on behalf of the States Rights Party of Florida, a corporation organized under the laws of Florida for the purpose of bringing about, through legitimate action, the nomination and

election of candidates for state and national offices who would be favorable to the preservation of the rights of the several states of the United States reserved to them under the Constitution of the United States, and in the furtherance of said purpose the defendant participated in the publication of the paper called "Florida States Righter"; that one Forest Wolf and his wife, Helen Wolf, were the publishers of a paper in Florida called "The White Sentinel"; that the plaintiff was the publisher of a paper, sometimes in Jefferson, Indiana, and at other times in Birmingham, Alabama, called "The Thunderbolt"; that all of said persons, in their respective papers, advocated the nomination and election of state and national officers favorable to the preservation and restoration of "states rights", as that term is generally understood, and had for their common interest, purpose and ultimate goal the formation of a national political party to supplant one or the other of the two existing major political parties; that all of said persons were actuated in the pursuit of said common purpose and interest by the highest of patriotic motives, or so represented and so held themselves out to the public; that the alleged libelous language complained of consists of information furnished to the plaintiff by said Forest Wolf and Helen Wolf by means of their paper The White Sentinel and of information furnished by the plaintiff by means of his paper The Thunderbolt and of fair comment upon said information so furnished; that said information obtained through The White Sentinel and The Thunderbolt was believed by the defendant to be true and the comment thereon was fair and reasonable, and said matter complained of was published in good faith and without malice and in the honest belief that said publication would be for the public benefit and that it was the defendant's patriotic duty so to publish said matter.

Frank L. Butto
601 Ingraham Bldg.,
Miami 32, Florida.

I DO CERTIFY that a copy hereof has been furnished to the attorneys for the plaintiff, J. B. Stoner and Franks and Gordon, Esq., 548 Seybold Bldg., Miami 32, Fla., by mail, this 2nd day of November, 1961.

Frank L. Butto
Attorney for defendant.

DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
MIAMI DIVISION

Civil Action File No. 10- 822

EDWARD R. FIELDS,)
Plaintiff,)
v.) INTERROGATORIES TO PLAINTIFF.
STANLEY POSPISIL,)
Defendant.)

TO EDWARD R. FIELDS, PLAINTIFF, and to J. B. STOMER and FRANKS and GORDAN, his attorneys:

The plaintiffs, Edward R. Fields, is required to answer the annexed interrogatories separately and fully in writing under oath, and to sign and file said answers and serve a copy thereof on the defendant or his attorney within fifteen days after the service hereof, for discovery and for such other use as the law and rules of court may permit. Said interrogatories are the following:

I

Please state the following:

1. Your full name.
2. The date of your birth.
3. The name of the place where you were born.
4. The name, age, occupation and present address of your mother.
5. The name, age, occupation and present address of your father.
6. Your present place of residence, giving street, house number, city and state.
7. The addresses of all places at which you have at any time resided, stating from what time to what time you resided at each address, and giving the street, house number, and name of the city or town and state or country in each such instance.
8. The names, ages and occupation of all persons who reside at the address where you reside at this time, and if any of said persons are related to you in any way, state the nature of such relationship in each instance.

II

If you have ever been married, so state, and give the following further information:

1. Date of each marriage.
2. Place where each marriage occurred.
3. The name of each person to whom you were married.
4. The present address of each person to whom you have been married.
5. The names, ages, addresses and occupations of any and all children born of each of said marriages.
- * 6. If any marriage of yours has been dissolved or annulled, so state, and give the name of the spouse involved and the date and place where such dissolution or annulment took place in each instance.

III

Please state the following:

1. Your educational experience and background, listing all schools you have attended and all subjects you have completed in each school.
- * 2. The general average of the grades you made in each school you attended.
3. The name, address and location of every school or college from which you have graduated, the date of each such graduation and the name or names of any scholastic degree or degrees conferred upon you in each such instance.

IV

State the name and address of every employer for whom you have worked at any time, and state in each instance the following:

1. The general nature of your work.
2. The period of time and date of commencement and of termination of each such employment.
3. Your reason for leaving each employment which has been terminated.
4. The amount or rate of compensation paid you in each instance.

V

If you are a journalist, writer and lecturer, as you have alleged, state the following:

1. How long and at what place or places you have been engaged in each of those professions?

2. The names of all publications in which your writings have appeared at any time.
3. The name and address or the publisher of each such publication.
4. The date in which each such writing appeared in each such publication.
5. The name, title and date of publication of any books written by you.
- * 6. The general nature of all speeches or lectures made by you, the occasions and dates when they were made, the places at which they were made and the names of the organizations sponsoring same or before whom same were made.

VI

Please state the following:

1. The names of all organizations to which you have belonged or with which you have been affiliated or in any way connected at any time.
2. The names of all organizations to which you belong or are affiliated or with which you are connected at this time.
3. The date on which you ceased to be a member of any organization and the reason why you ceased to be a member in each instance.
4. Are you now or have you ever been a member of any organization or party which believes in or teaches, directly or indirectly, the overthrow of the Government of the United States or of any state of the United States by force or violence? If so, state the name of each such organization.
- * 5. Are you now, or have you been at any time in the past, a member of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, or of any organization affiliated therewith or derived therefrom? If so, state the names and addresses of all the national officers and of all the officers of the particular local branch or unit to which you belong and give the name and the address of such local branch or unit.
- * 6. If you have ever been a member of the National Renaissance Party, state when and where you were such member.
- * 7. If you know, state the nature of the National Renaissance Party and the principles espoused or advocated by that organization.
- * 8. If you are at this time a member of any organization which has been classified as a subversive organization by the Federal Bureau of Investigation or by the attorney general of the United States or of any state or by the Congress of the United States or by the Legislature of any state, please so indicate and state the name of each such organization and the date and place where you became a member in each instance.

VII

If you have ever been convicted of any crime or misdemeanor, please so state, and state the following:

1. The nature of the offense in each such instance.
2. The name and location of the court in which you were convicted.
3. The sentence imposed in each such instance.
4. If any charges of violation of any criminal laws are now pending against you, please so state, and state the nature of each such charge and the name and location of the court wherein each such charge is pending.

VIII

If you have been or are now connected with the publication of a paper called "The Thunderbolt", please so state, and state the following:

1. The date on which you first became connected with the publication of The Thunderbolt.
2. A general outline of your duties and activities in connection with said publication.
3. The general purpose and object of said publication and the extent of its circulation.
4. The place or places where The Thunderbolt has been published.
5. The names and addresses of all persons who, financially or otherwise, have aided or participated in the publication of The Thunderbolt during the years 1959, 1960 and 1961, and the general nature and extent of the aid or participation furnished by each.
6. If you have at any time caused any matter to be printed in The Thunderbolt, praising or supporting the National Renaissance Party or any of its activities, please so indicate, and state the general nature of the praise or approval and the date on which it was published in each such instance.
7. If you have at any time aided the National Renaissance Party in the distribution of literature or printed matter produced or sponsored by said party, so state, and describe the general nature and purpose of such literature or printed matter.
8. If you have ever published any matter concerning Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, widow of the late president Franklin D. Roosevelt, wherein Mrs. Roosevelt was designated or described as "a Red" and as an "open Leftist" or in terms of similar import, so state, and state when and in what publication said matter was printed.
9. If you have ever published any matter concerning former president Harry Truman, wherein Mr. Truman was referred to as an "open Leftist", or in terms of similar import, so state, and state when and in what publication said matter was printed in each instance.
10. If you have ever published any matter concerning J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, wherein Mr. Hoover was designated or described as "much worse and more dangerous than the open communists", or in terms of similar import, so state, and state when and in what publication said matter was printed in each instance.

- ✓ 11. If you published any matter concerning Richard Nixon while he was vice-president, wherein it was stated that "Nixon sells out" and wherein persons were urged to "oust the traitors", so state, and state where and in what publication said matter was printed in each instance.
- ✓ 12. If you ever published any matter concerning John F. Kennedy, now president of the United States, wherein Mr. Kennedy was described as "a stooge for the Jews" or as "a stooge for the Jewish Anti-Defamation League", so state, and state when and in what publication said matter was printed in each instance.
- ✓ 13. If you have ever published any matter wherein you referred to Senator Lyndon Johnson, now vice-president of the United States, as "a traitor" and wherein you referred to Governor Ellington of Tennessee, Governor Almond of Virginia, Governor Collins of Florida, Governor Combs of Kentucky, Governor Patterson of Alabama, and Governor Hodges of North Carolina as governors who had "sold out" their states, so indicate, and state when and in what publication said matter was printed in each instance.
- ✓ 14. If you have ever published any matter concerning the Supreme Court of the United States wherein it was stated that "the present members of the Supreme Court are guilty of treason and should be thusly tried and given the ultimate penalty" (meaning the death penalty), and wherein it was further said "The Supreme Court is stacked with communists and traitors", so state, and state when and in what publication said matter, or matter of similar import, was printed in each instance.
- ✓ 15. If you have ever published any matter concerning the United States Justice Department, wherein the Justice Department was described as ruled by "traitors", so state, and state when and in what publication said matter, or matter of similar import, was printed in each instance.

IX

If you know John Kasper, so state, and state the following:

- ✓ 1. Such facts as will identify John Kasper and tell who he is and what he is.
- 2. How long you have known him and the extent and nature of your acquaintance with him.
- 3. Whether or not you have ever been associated with him in any enterprise or endeavor and, if so, the nature and extent of such association.
- 4. State whether or not you ever furnished any financial aid to John Kasper.
- 5. Did you ever publish in The Thunderbolt an appeal to readers to send money to John Kasper? If so, state when that was published.

X

If you know John W. Hamilton, so state, and state the following:

- ✓ 1. Such facts as will identify John W. Hamilton and tell who he is and what he is.

2. How long you have known him and the extent and nature of your acquaintance with him.
3. Whether or not you have ever been associated with him in any enterprise or endeavor and, if so, the nature and extent of such association.
4. Have you read a pamphlet purporting to have been written by John W. Hamilton, entitled "I was Branded with the Number 666"?
5. If you know any facts which would lead you to believe that the above mentioned pamphlet was or was not written by John W. Hamilton or any facts which would lead you to believe the statements contained in said pamphlet are or are not true, state what those facts are.

XI

If you know George Lincoln Rockwell, so state, and state the following:

1. Such facts as will identify George Lincoln Rockwell and tell who he is and what he is.
2. How long you have known him and the extent and nature of your acquaintance with him.
3. Whether or not you have ever been associated with him in any enterprise or endeavor and, if so, the nature and extent of such association.

XII

If, prior to the 1960 national election, you published in The Thunderbolt numerous headlines and other items wherein it was represented that Governor Orval Forbus was the candidate of the National States Rights Party for president and that his name would appear on the ballot in various states and that in other states names of candidates for presidential elector who were pledged to vote for Orval Faubus would appear on the ballot, so state, and state the following:

1. Whether or not, at the time when said matter was published, you had the written consent of Governor Faubus to become the candidate of the National States Rights Party for president.
2. Name the states, if any, in which Orval Faubus' name appeared on the ballot as a candidate for president.
3. Name the states, if any, in which names of candidates for presidential elector pledged to Faubus appeared on the ballot.
4. Is it a fact that you boosted Faubus, without his consent, as a candidate for president until it was too late for the National States Rights Party to get any candidate at all on the ticket for the office of president?

XIII

If you have ever been a party to any civil litigation, other than this suit, either as plaintiff or defendant, so state, and state the following with reference to each such instance:

1. The name and location of the court.
2. The style and number of each case.
3. The general nature of each case.
4. The approximate date of commencement of each suit and approximate date of termination of each suit which has been completed.

XIV

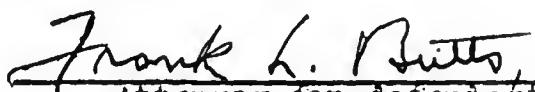
State in itemized form all of your claims for damages which you allege were caused to you by the publication of the alleged libelous matter.

XV

Give the names and present addresses of all witnesses by whom you expect to prove the allegations made in your complaint.

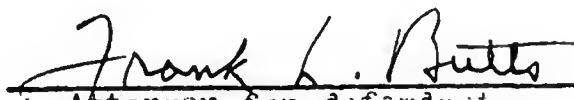
XVI

X State the date and place where the answers to these interrogatories were prepared, and give the name and address of each person who was present while said answers were being prepared, and give the name and address of each person who assisted you in preparing the answers to these interrogatories.



Attorney for defendant.

I DO CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing Interrogatories to the plaintiff, Edward R. Fields, has been furnished to the plaintiff and his attorneys, J. B. Stoner and Franks and Gordon, Esqs., 542 Seybold Bldg., Miami 22, Fla., by mail, this 13th day of December, 1961.



Attorney for defendant.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
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CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 10822-M

EDWARD R. FIELDS, :
Plaintiff, :
: *M*
Vs. :
: *K*
STANLEY POSPISIL, :
Defendant. :
:

OBJECTIONS TO DEFENDANT'S INTERROGATORIES

NOW COMES the Plaintiff in the above entitled cause and objects to the following numbered interrogatories propounded by the defendant:

Paragraph I, subheads 3, 4, and 5;
Paragraph II, and all six subheads;
Paragraph III, including subheads 1, 2, and 3;
Paragraph IV, and all 4 subheads;
Paragraph V and all 6 subheads;
Paragraph VI and all 8 subheads;
Paragraph VII and all 4 subheads;
Paragraph VIII and all 15 subheads;
Paragraph IX and all 5 subheads;
Paragraph X and all 5 subheads;
Paragraph XI and all 3 subheads;
Paragraph XII and all 4 subheads;
Paragraph XIII and all 4 subheads;
Paragraph XIV;

And Paragraph XVI, and gives the following grounds for his objections:

1.

Said interrogatories are irrelevant.

2.

Said interrogatories are immaterial.

3.

Said interrogatories are not directed toward important facts or aspects of the case.

FURTHER, the Plaintiff objects to the following numbered interrogatories propounded by the defendant on additional grounds:

Paragraph I, subhead 7; Paragraph III, subheads 1, 2, and 3;

Paragraph IV and all 4 subheads; Paragraph V and all 6 subheads;

Paragraph VI and all 8 subheads;

Paragraph VIII, subheads 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15;
and gives the following additional grounds for his objections:

1.

To acquire material to answer said interrogatories would impose an unreasonable and undue burden upon the Plaintiff.

2.

To acquire material to answer said interrogatories would be oppressive upon the Plaintiff.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, in accordance with Rule 33 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, requests the Court to set a hearing for the purpose of hearing the objections at the earliest practicable time.

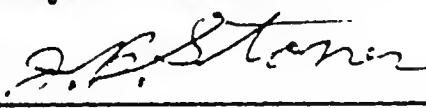
Franks & Gordon & J. B. Stoner
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Seybold Building
Miami 32, Florida

By: 

I DO CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing objections to the Defendant's Interrogatories has been furnished to the Defendant and his attorney, Frank L. Butts, 601 Ingraham Bldg., Miami, Florida, by mail, this 22 day of December, 1961.

Franks & Gordon & J. B. Stoner
Attorneys for Plaintiff

Address: Seybold Building
Miami 32, Florida

By: 

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EDWARD R. FIELDS, :
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: :
Vs. :
: :
STANLEY POSPISIL :
Defendant. :

ANSWERS TO DEFENDANT'S INTERROGATORIES

NOW COMES the Plaintiff in the above entitled cause and, without waiving any of his objections to Defendant's interrogatories, but insisting upon each and every one of them, hereby answers the following interrogatories to which no objection is made.

1.

In answer to Paragraph I of Defendant's interrogatories,
(1) Plaintiff states that his full name is Edward R. Fields.
(2) Plaintiff was born on September 30, 1932.
(3) Plaintiff's place of residence is 1509 Mims Street, S. W.,
Birmingham 11, Alabama.

2.

In answer to Paragraph XIV of Defendant's interrogatories, Plaintiff states that he is suing Defendant for general damages, etc., and not for special damages because Defendant has committed libel per se against Plaintiff. Plaintiff has been damaged by Defendant's libel in the amount of One Million Dollars.

3.

In answer to Paragraph XV of Defendant's interrogatories, Plaintiff hereby states that he will be a witness, and that his attorney will furnish Defendant's attorney with the names of additional witnesses, if any, before the pre-trial conference.

Edward R. Fields

Edward R. Fields
Plaintiff

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 26th day of December, 1961.

Mary L. Cleary
NOTARY PUBLIC - Scott County
Kanebont, Florida
My Commission expires July 4, 1963

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I DO CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing Answers to Defendant's interrogatories has been mailed to the Defendant and his attorney, Frank L. Butts, 601 Ingraham Building, Miami, Florida, this 28 day of December, 1961.

Frank & Gordon & J. B. Stoner
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Seybold Building
Miami 32, Florida

By: J. B. Stoner

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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NO. 10,822-M-Civil-EC

EDWARD R. FIELDS,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.)
STANLEY POSPISIL,)
Defendant.)

)

ANSWERS TO DEFENDANT'S
INTERROGATORIES

COMES NOW the Plaintiff in the above entitled cause and, in addition to the interrogatories already answered, hereby answers the following interrogatories as follows:

I.

- 4.) Gertrude Fields, 58 years old, housewife, 400 Pine Tree Drive, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 5.) Irwin J. Fields, 61 years old, Comptroller Armour Co. 400 Pine Tree Drive, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 6.) 1509 Mims Street, S. W., Birmingham 11, Alabama.

II.

- 1.) Yes, have been married once, November 27, 1955, and am still married.
- 2.) Davenport, Iowa.
- 3.) Dolores Moeller (Fields)
- 4.) 1509 Mims Street, S. W., Birmingham 11, Alabama.

III.

- 1.) I completed Sacred Heart Elementary School in Atlanta, Georgia. Graduated from Marist High School in Atlanta, Georgia, with honors in subject of Religion. I attended The Atlanta Law School from which I graduated. I attended the Atlanta Division of the University of Georgia for two years, studying business and law. For four years I attended The Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa from which I graduated as a Doctor of Chiropractic. At this college I served on the Student

Council and Year Book Committee, among many activities.

3.) Graduated from Marist High School, June, 1950.

Graduated from Atlanta Law School, June, 1953 and received L.L.B. Degree. Graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic, June, 1957, with the degree of D. C. (Doctor of Chiropractic.)

IV.

1.) While attending The Palmer College of Chiropractic, I worked after school hours at part time jobs when my study load allowed such work. I worked in a warehouse and as a punch press operator and in a Chiropractic Research Clinic straightening things up after working hours. I worked in Louisville, Kentucky for several years in a couple of Health Studios as an instructor, assistant manager and Doctor. I am presently Editor of "The Thunderbolt" newspaper.

2. & 3.) I cannot remember the exact dated I worked as a punch press operator at the International Harvester Company in East Moline, Illinois, but it was for a period of about five months in 1955. I worked at the Oscar Mayer Warehouse, in Davenport, Iowa for six months in 1956, to the best of my recollection. I worked for about one year in the Palmer College Chiropractic Research Clinic for about one year (1957) in Davenport, Iowa. I practiced my profession as a Chiropractor for about two and one-half years, independently and in conjunction with Health Studios, from the Fall of 1957 to the Summer of 1960. I left the first two jobs because of the press of studies of exams. I left the Clinic because of graduation. I gave up my practice and health studio to become Editor of the "Thunderbolt."

4.) Palmer College Research Clinic, about \$1.15 hour. Oscar Mayer Warehouse, about \$1.70 hour, International Harvester, about \$2.65 hour. In my profession I charged \$3.00 per office visit and \$5.00 per house call. Health Studio compensation was on a gross percentage basis. The National States Rights Party presently pays me \$350.00 per month to edit their newspaper.

V.

1.) Two years (approximately) in Louisville, Kentucky and two years in Birmingham, Alabama.

2.) "The Thunderbolt".

3.) Mail address of "The Thunderbolt" is P. O. Box 783, Birmingham, Alabama, published by National States Rights Party, Ned Dupes, National Chairman.

4.) About the first of every month for the past $2\frac{1}{2}$ years.

5. I have never written a book.

VI.

1.) Democratic Party, Christian Party, Constitution Party and National States Rights Party.

2.) National States Rights Party.

3.) I ceased being a Democrat in about 1952 to join the Christian Party. The Christian Party went out of business and I joined the Constitution Party in 1956 and became State Chairman of The Constitution Party of Iowa and also National Committeeman of that Party for the State of Iowa in that Presidential year when we were able to place that ticket on the ballot. I left this organization in 1957 to later join the National States Rights Party.

4.) No.

VII.

I have never been convicted of any crime or misdemeanor.

VIII.

1.) I helped found the newspaper in about September of 1958. I became Editor about May of 1959.

2.) I edit the paper and work to promote its circulation.

3.) It is strongly Anti-communist and is pro-states rights. It extends into almost every state in the Union and 25 foreign countries.

4.) Jeffersonville, Indiana, Louisville, Kentucky and Birmingham, Alabama.

5.) The newspaper is published by the National States Rights Party, of P. O. Box 261, Jeffersonville, Indiana, and Box 783, Birmingham, Alabama. All funds and other aid come from the National States Rights Party.

6.) Our March-April issue of 1959 praised a leaflet by the National Renaissance Party which sought to show by comparison of an outline, the skulls of a Whiteman, Caveman, Negro and Gorilla that there was a distinct difference in the chin, nose bridge and forehead. We urged people to study this sketch and order extra copies of the leaflet for circulation.

7.) The only such instance is stated above, We bought and paid for a number of the above mentioned circulars showing a drawing of four facial skulls and proving that there is a difference in the facial angle. We mailed these circulars out.

IX.

2.) I knew him during 1957-1958, during his fight against Intergration in Clinton and Nashville, Tennessee. It was in the nature of my lecturing at two of his meetings.

3.) The only endeavor was to take up a collection to help pay his attorneys fees, and other legal expenses.

4.) Yes, I have taken up a collection for him after he got into legal difficulties in Tennessee.

5.) In may, 1960, we published a request for those interested to give to the above mentioned collection to help in his attorneys fees, and other legal expenses incurred.

XI.

2.) The only acquaintance I have of him is that he "crashed" two of our meetings (uninvited), the first time using the name George Lincoln and leaving off his last name.

3.) He tried to have us sell some leaflets he drew up some years ago (before his present activities started, or were known to us). He never sent said leaflets to us. He has written us about selling a book he wrote, and we refused to sell the book.

X.

2.) I knew of him for about ten years, mainly during the period when he founded "The White Sentinel" and the following 7 years or more, when he was the Editor of this publication. The extent was mainly correspondence. I have seen him not more than five times during this entire period.

3.) I have never been associated with him in any enterprise or endeavor, except to subscribe to his publication, "The White Sentinel".

4.) No

5.) No.

XII.

1.) Yes.

XIII.

1.) Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Bessemer Division, In Equity, located at Bessemer, Alabama. Also, United States District Court, Birmingham, Alabama. The Supreme Court of Alabama in Montgomery.

2.) In the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, the case was styled City of Fairfield, a municipal corporation, Complainant vs. Dr. Edward R. Fields and National States Rights Party, Respondents, No. 19249. In the Supreme Court of Alabama, the case is styled Ex Parte, Dr. Edward R. Fields and Robert Lyons, 6 Div., No. 809. In the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama, Southern Division, the case was styled National States Rights Party, Dr. Edward R. Fields and Vic Ashurst, Plaintiffs, vs. City of Fairfield, Alabama, et al, No. 10015-S.

3.) All cases mentioned were, or are, injunction cases.

4. No. 19249, commenced about October, 1961 and has not yet terminated because it will be appealed.

No. 10015-S was commenced in October, 1961 and dismissed by Plaintiffs on December 15, 1961, without prejudice.

6 Div., No. 809 arose out of No. 19249, where Robert Lyons and I were convicted of civil contempt of Court. The petition for a Writ of Certiorari was filed in November, 1961 and is now pending before the Supreme Court of Alabama.

XIV.

Mr. Pospisil smeared me as a communist and that I worked with Communists (all lies), and damaged my reputation as being a fighter against communism. I make my living writing and speaking against Communism, and Pospisil has damaged my reputation by circulating his libel charges all over the State of Florida and throughout the rest of the Nation. He has held me up to suspicion, ridicule and humiliation, thus seeking to turn my supporters and those who contribute to the organization for which I am employed against me so that they will no longer contribute to our work. His smear attacks were one of the main reasons Governor Faubus took his name off the Florida Ballot (after we went to great expense to place his name on said ballot). Florida was the only state he took his name off the ballot. He has created by his articles many rumors that spread throughout the right wing that I am not to be trusted, or am some kind of enemy agent. He made such attacks in the full knowledge that they were false, and in a malicious effort to destroy the work I was doing in Florida and thereby prevent us from placing our presidential ticket on the ballot, as he was trying to place his own ticket on the ballot at that very same time. I have suffered untold damages by his deliberately false stories, which will hurt my career as editor for years to come.

I ask for punitive and exemplary damages as these charges against me were totally unfounded and based on no facts or documentation.

XV.

Edward R. Fields, (myself), Mrs. E. L. Bishop,
2324 Fair Park Boulevard, Little Rock, Arkansas, and U. G. Hutchinson,
3966 McGirts Boulevard, Jacksonville 10, Florida.


EDWARD R. FIELDS
Plaintiff

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned notary public, duly authorized to take statements and administer oaths, personally appeared EDWARD R. FIELDS, who after being duly cautioned and sworn, deposes and says that he is the person who executed the above and foregoing Answers to Interrogatories and that he did so voluntarily for the purposes expressed therein.

SWORN TO and SUBSCRIBED before me this 30 day of January, A.D. 1962.

BJ Williams
Notary Public, State of Alabama at Large Jefferson County
My Commission Expires: May 9, 1962

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY, a true copy of the above and foregoing answers to Defendant's Interrogatories have been personally delivered to Defendant's attorney, FRANK L. BUTTS, ESQ.; 601 Ingraham Building, Miami 32, Florida, this 31 day of January, A.D. 1962.

FRANKS & GORDON and
J. B. STONER, Attorneys
for Plaintiff
548 Seybold Building
Miami 32, Florida

By J. B. Stoner
J. B. STONER

DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
MIAMI DIVISION

Civil Action File No. 10 - 822

EDWARD R. FIELDS,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.) FURTHER INTERROGATORIES TO PLAINTIFF.
STANLEY POSPISIL,)
Defendant.)

TO EDWARD R. FIELDS, PLAINTIFF, and to J. B. STONER and FRANKS and GORDON, his attorneys:

The plaintiff, Edward R. Fields, is required to answer the annexed interrogatories separately and fully in writing under oath, and to sign and file said answers and serve a copy thereof on the defendant or his attorney within fifteen days after the service hereof, for discovery and for such other use as the law and rules of court may permit. Said interrogatories are the following:

1. Please state the name of the place where you were born. (This question was previously asked but you did not answer in your Answers to Interrogatories.)
2. If any charges of violation of any criminal laws now are pending against you, state the nature of each such charge and the name and location of the court wherein each such charge is pending.
3. State the number of copies of The Thunderbolt published and distributed during the twelve months in 1960 and in 1961.
4. How many regular subscribers were there to The Thunderbolt in 1960 and how many in 1961?
5. Do you have in your possession or under your control or available to you copies of all of the editions of The Thunderbolt printed since you became editor in May, 1959?
6. If your answer to the previous question is in the negative, state which of said copies you do have and explain fully why you do not have each of the missing copies.
7. Where are the files of the published copies of The Thunderbolt located at this time and who has custody of them?
8. Have you ever published in The Thunderbolt notices asking people to join an organization called Christian Knights of Ku Klux Klan, or asking people to subscribe to the Klan Bulletin? If so, state when and in what editions such notices were published.
9. If you know, state the name and address of the Imperial Wizard of the Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

10. If the Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, or any officers of said organization, are helping you or have helped you in your prosecution of this suit, so state and state the names and addresses of all such persons who have helped you or are helping you and the nature of assistance furnished by each such person.
11. Are you a member of an organization called the Citizens Councils of Kentucky?
12. Did you attend a meeting of the Citizens Councils of Kentucky about February 10, 1960, at Louisville, Kentucky? If so, relate briefly your object in attending said meeting and your activities in connection therewith.
13. In addition to your salary of \$350.00 per month for editing The Thunderbolt, what other money do you receive in connection with your activity in and about the promotion of the National States Rights Party and The Thunderbolt?
14. If dues or charges have been made for joining and for remaining a member of the National States Rights Party, so state and state the amount of said dues and the purpose for which this money is used?
15. Are you paid a commission or percentage of all membership dues collected from the members of the National States Rights Party?
16. Is the National States Rights Party incorporated?
17. State the names and addresses of all of the officers of National States Rights Party.
18. When did you first learn of the existence of the States Rights Party of Florida?
19. By what authority do you claim that the National States Rights Party had the right to operate in 1960 as a political party in the State of Florida?
20. State the names and addresses of the persons who organized, or attempted to organize, the National States Rights Party in Florida, and state the names and addresses of the Florida officers of National States Rights Party.
21. State whether or not you filed income tax returns with the United States tax authorities for each of the years 1959, 1960 and 1961.
22. What was your gross income for each of the years 1959, 1960 and 1961?
23. In the year of 1954 were you residing in, or engaged in any activities in, the City of Davenport, Iowa?
24. What was your post office address in Davenport, Iowa?
25. If you were connected in any way with an organization called "Constitutional Americans", state the nature of your connection and describe your activities with reference thereto.
26. What was the object of Constitutional Americans, and how did that organization seek to carry out its purpose?

27. If you know a woman by the name of Elizabeth Knause, or similar name, so state and state the extent and occasion of your acquaintance with her.
28. Did you ever know a man by the name of Russ Roberts? If so, so state and give his present address, if you know, and state how, when and in what connection you knew Russ Roberts.
29. If you know a many by the name of Mana Truhill, also known as Emanuel Trujillo, so state and relate the extent and occasion of any association you may have had with him.
30. If John W. Hamilton has ever been employed by, or been associated with, the National States Rights Party or The Thunderbolt, so state and state the nature and extent of his employment by or association with National States Rights Party or The Thunderbolt or both.
31. In the early part of 1960 did the National States Rights Party issue a statement to the effect that John W. Hamilton was no longer the representative of National States Rights Party and that John W. Hamilton was working with the American Nazi party, headed by Lincoln Rockwell?
32. Did you ever visit the headquarters of National Renaissance Party in New York? If so, state the time and circumstances surrounding said visit, who you saw, what you saw and what you did in connection with such visit.
33. Do you know James Madole? If so, state the nature and extent of your acquaintance with him and relate any activities you may have engaged in ~~connection~~ with ~~James Madole~~ in which James Madole was concerned.

Frank L. Butto
Attorney for defendant.

I DO CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing Further Interrogatories to the Plaintiff has been furnished to the plaintiff and his attorneys, J. B. Stoner and Franks and Gordon, Esqs., 548 Seybold Bldg., Miami 32, Fla., by mail, this 12 day of February, 1962.

Frank L. Butto
Attorney for defendant.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DIVISION OF FLORIDA
MIAMI DIVISION
NO. 10,822-M CIVIL EC

EDWARD R. FIELDS,)

Plaintiff,)

vs.) PLAINTIFF'S ANSWERS TO INTERROGATORIES
STANLEY POSPISIL,)
Defendant.)

The Plaintiff, Edward R. Fields, answers the second set of interrogatories heretofore propounded to him by the Defendant herein, as follows, his answers being numbered to correspond with said interrogatories, to-wit:

1. I have already answered this question once. I was born in Chicago, Illinois.
2. I answered this question when I answered your first set of interrogatories and the answer is the same.
3. Approximately 50,000 in 1960, and approximately 100,000 in 1961.
4. About 1500 in 1960, and about 2000 in 1961.
5. Yes.
6. Answer to No. 5 eliminates this question.
7. I have them at my residence.
8. Not to my recollection.
9. J. B. Stoner, P. O. Box 48, Atlanta, Georgia, I guess.
10. The only persons who are, or have, helped me with this suit are my attorneys of record.
11. No.
12. I have no recollection of any meeting on that date.
13. None.
14. Five dollars per year used to build the Party.

15. No.

16. No.

17. Only have information on National Officers and they are Ned Dupes, Knoxville, Tenn.; Mrs. E. L. Bishop, Little Rock, Arkansas; Roy Frankhouser, Reading, Pennsylvania; W. B. Burch, Killarney, Florida; Matt Koehl, Chicago, Illinois; Bernice Settle, Knoxville, Tennessee; and myself.

18. 1958 through the Constitution Party.

19. Under a Republican form of government, any group of citizens has a right to get on the ballot in any state. This is a free country.

20. I only know the name of one state officer in Florida, W. B. Burch, Killarney, Florida, the State Chairman.

21. Yes, for 1959 and 1960, and no for 1961.

22. \$1,648.41 for 1959, \$2,166.27 in 1960, and \$3,525.00 in 1961.

23. Yes, Chairman of Constitution Party of Iowa.

24. P. S. C. Box 1130.

25. I do not recall this name.

26. I have no knowledge about that.

27. I knew her as a friend. She wrote literature on danger of red infiltration of schools.

28. Met him at a meeting once, know very little about him, and do not know his address.

29. I once investigated him and found him to be an enemy agent and helped to expose him as a subversive.

30. He has never been employed by the National States Rights Party or associated with The Thunderbolt. Was a member for about six months.

31. We stated that he quit the National States Rights Party to join Rockwell; we later learned he did not join Rockwell.

32. Have never visited their headquarters and understand that they have no headquarters, only a post office box.

33. Outside of answer to your previous set of interrogatories, I have no knowledge. Was told that he once attended a meeting I held, but he did not speak and I did not get a chance to talk with him privately.

Edward R. Fields
Edward R. Fields

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

Before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Edward R. Fields, who being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the person who executed the above and foregoing Answers to Interrogatories and that he did so for the purposes expressed therein.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of February, 1962.

John D. Dillman
Notary Public

My Commission expires: 2-22-1965

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the above and foregoing Answers to Defendant's Interrogatories have been mailed to Defendant's attorney, Frank L. Butts, Esquire, 601 Ingraham Building, Miami 32, Florida, this 28 day of February, 1962.

Franks & Gordon and
J. B. Stoner, Attorneys
for Plaintiff,
548 Seybold Building,
Miami 32, Florida

By: J. B. Stoner
J. B. Stoner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED
STATES FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
FLORIDA MIAMI DIVISION

Case No. 10,822-M-Civil-EC

EDWARD R. FIELDS,

Plaintiff

vs.

STANLEY POSPISIL,

Defendant

FINAL JUDGMENT

Upon consideration of the Verdict of the Jury returned
herein, it is, thereupon,

CONSIDERED AND ORDERED that Final Judgment be and it is
hereby entered in said cause in favor of the Plaintiff, Edward R. Fields,
and against the Defendant, Stanley Pospisil, in the sum of One Dollar
(\$1.00), together with legal interest thereon from date hereof, and may
recover his legal costs in this case incurred, said costs to be taxed
by the Clerk of this Court, and that said plaintiff have execution there-
fore, it is,

DONE AND ORDERED at Miami, Florida, this 30th day of
March, A. D. 1962.

Julian A. Blake, Clerk
U. S. District Court
Southern District of Florida

By: *Michael Oswald*
Deputy Clerk

3/30/65

AIRTEL

REGISTERED MAIL

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9 Main)

FROM SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)

RE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Re Miami airtel to Bureau dated 12/31/64.

Status letter

1. Potential Counterintelligence Action.

Plans to organize klavern of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan at Sebastian, Fla., have not materialized. A counterintelligence action has been authorized by the Bureau at such time this klavern is organized.

2. Pending Counterintelligence Action.

Regarding item number 1, confidential information regarding the klavern will be furnished to the Fort Pierce "News Tribune" in an effort to expose and frustrate this organization.

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3. Tangible Results.

None

4. Miscellaneous.

On 3/5/65 the Miami Office furnished to Atlanta and Birmingham Offices one xerox copy each of pertinent portions of civil action in the case of EDWARD R. FIELDS, Plaintiff, vs. STANLEY POSPISIL, Defendant, complaint for libel. The information contained in this case set forth under oath numerous answers to written questions regarding the personal history of EDWARD R. FIELDS and his association with the National States Rights Party (NSRP). This information was furnished to Atlanta and Birmingham as potential material for use in the COINTELPRO as it relates to FIELDS and the NSRP.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Miami (157-1114)

✓FROM : Director, FBI (157-9-Main)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(CARTOONS AND CARICATURES)

DATE: 4/15/65

Reference is made to Miami letter dated 11/18/64 and Birmingham airtel 12/22/64.

Referenced communications forwarded copies of cartoons and suggested that these, or similar cartoons, be prepared by the Bureau for anonymous mailings to disrupt Klan, or similar hate group, activities.

Attached for each office are five individually numbered Xerox copies of rough sketches prepared by the FBI Laboratory on the above-mentioned theme. Each office receiving this letter should review these sketches to determine if any of these cartoons, or a variation of a cartoon, is suitable for disruptive, anonymous mailing within its field office territory.

In the event it is determined such a mailing would have counterintelligence value, and would not adversely affect our informant development program, the Bureau should be advised together with complete recommendations. Thereafter, the cartoon selected will be prepared as requested and forwarded with instructions relating to its mailing.

Enclosures (5)

- 2 - Atlanta (157-826) (Enclosures - 5)
- 2 - Birmingham (157-835) (Enclosures - 5)
- 2 - Charlotte (157-281) (Enclosures - 5)
- 2 - Jackson (157-640) (Enclosures - 5)
- 2 - Jacksonville (157-863) (Enclosures - 5)
- 2 - Knoxville (157-301) (Enclosures - 5)
- 2 - Little Rock (157-291) (Enclosures - 5)
- 2 - Memphis (157-576) (Enclosures - 5)
- 2 - Mobile (157-582) (Enclosures - 5)
- 2 - New Orleans (157-2836) (Enclosures - 5)
- 2 - Savannah (157-629) (Enclosures - 5)
- 2 - Tampa (157-1559) (Enclosures - 5)

Carrie
J.P.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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Letter to Miami
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
157-9-Main

In the event any office believes a caricature-type cartoon, based on a different theme, could be effectively used to disrupt the Klan within its territory, a rough draft of such cartoon should be submitted to the Bureau, together with recommendations for its preparation and subsequent anonymous mailing.

No counterintelligence activity should be taken without specific Bureau authority.

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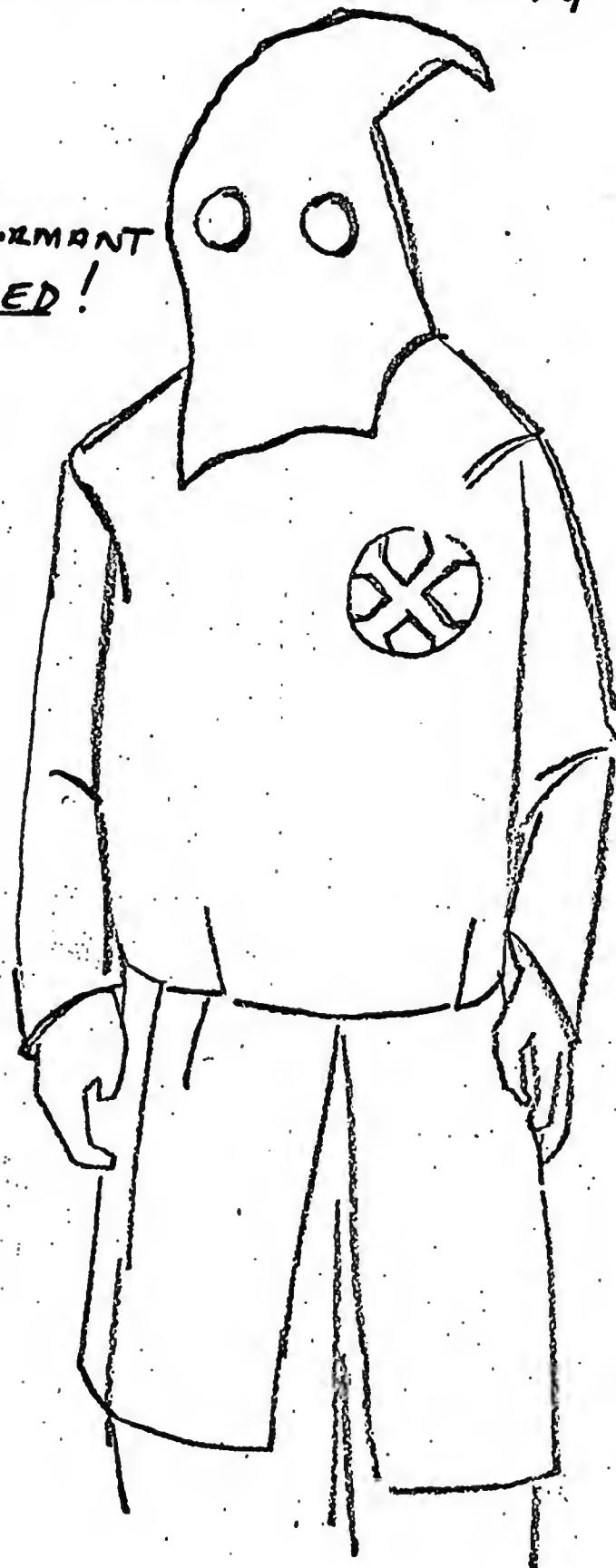


OUT OF CLASS, ONE THING IS SURE, THEY CAN'T MAKE IDIOTS

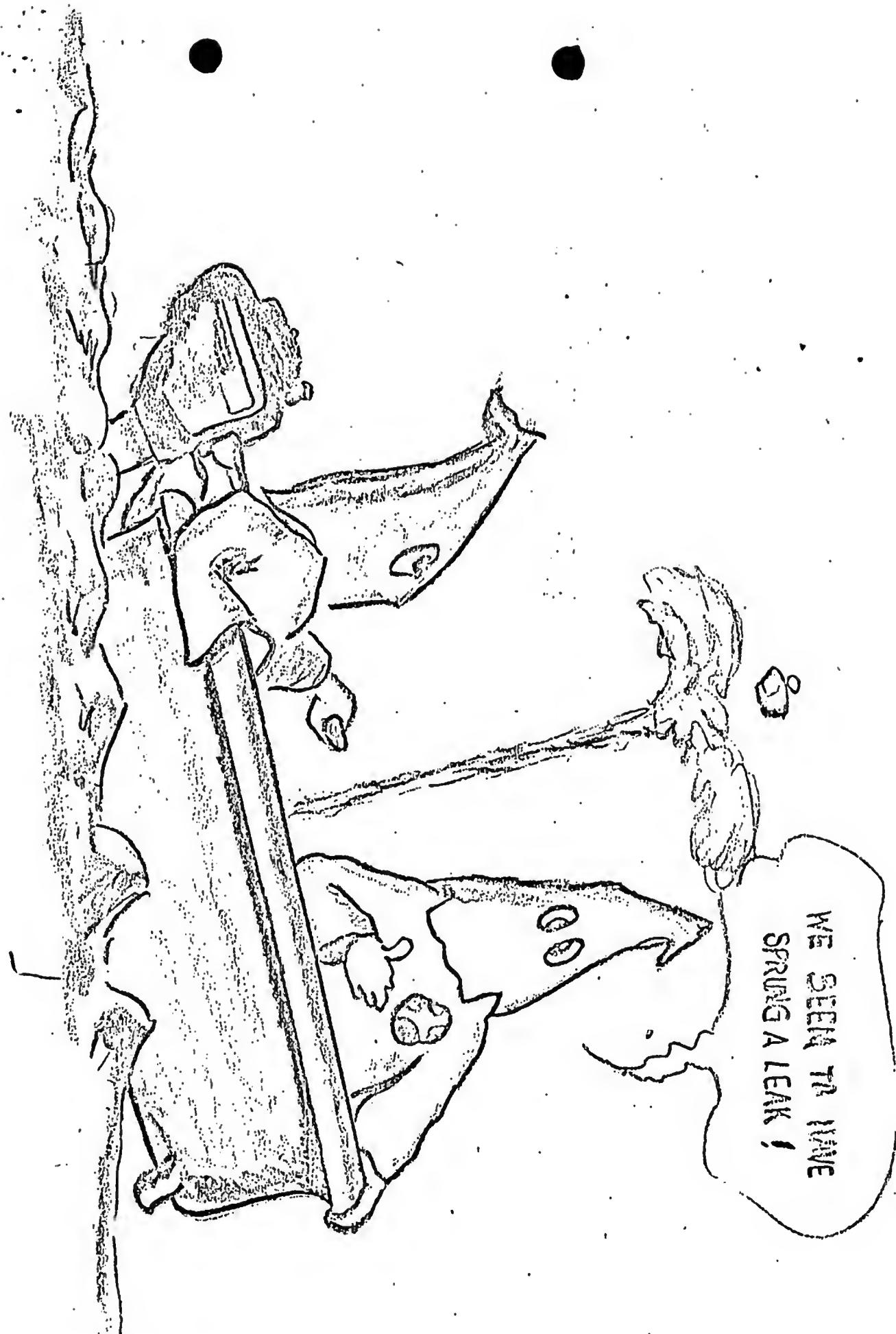


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I AM AN INFORMANT
COLOR ME FED!



ITEM... "FBI INFILTRATES KLAN."



5/19/65

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-Main)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Re Bureau letter to Atlanta, dated 9/2/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy each of Miami airtels and letterhead memoranda dated 5/7/65 and 5/12/65, captioned "PROPOSED PICKETING FLORIDA STATE BUILDING, MIAMI, FLORIDA, 5/10/65, RACIAL MATTERS."

Also enclosed are 2 copies of "A Liberal Light" Vol. 3, #2, by Editors PETE and BILL CHRISTIANSEN.

Background information regarding PETE CHRISTIANSEN is set forth in enclosed letterhead memoranda. CHRISTIANSEN was selected as co-chairman of the Miami chapter of CORE in February, 1965, and is typical of the "beatnik-type" individuals who have aligned themselves with various civil rights movements.

CHRISTIANSEN's actions indicate he is using CORE for his own personal interests and that he would like nothing better than to start an incident. Miami feels it would be to the best interests of the Bureau, as well as CORE, to expose and disrupt his efforts.

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The enclosed leaflet, "A Liberal Light," illustrates CHRISTIANSEN's views as being anti-police authority and opposed to good government.

Based on contact with confidential racial sources and liaison sources, Miami Division, the Miami Office feels many of the leaders in the integration movement are not fully aware of CHRISTIANSEN's views and aims. Bureau authority is, therefore, requested to anonymously mail copies of "A Liberal Light" to the following individuals:

ERNEST LENT, JR., Executive Director Room 1401
Community Relations Board, Miami Dade Co. Ct. Hse
(Liaison Source)

Catholic Bishop COLEMAN F. CARROLL, Miami Diocese
Board Chairman of Community Relations CHANCERY
Board, Miami 6301 Bisc. Blvd.
(Liaison Source)

DONALD WHEELER JONES 655 NW 60th St
Vice-President of NAACP
(Liaison Source)

Dr. JOHN BROWN 1100 NW 61st ST
CORE Leader and active in CORE for
many years
(Liaison Source)

GARTH REEVES 6740 NW 15th and
Editor of the "Miami Times" local
Miami, Florida, Negro newspaper and
member of the Urban League
(Liaison Source)

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IRWIN SCHULMAN,
Director, Anti-Defamation League of A
Miami, Florida.

B'NAI B'RITH
seyfield Bldg.

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Miami is aware that the above request relates to an individual who is not a member of a klan or hate group and, therefore, any suggestions the Bureau may recommend regarding any action the Miami Office can take to expose and disrupt his efforts, would be appreciated.

3.

F B I

Date: 6/8/65

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via Airtel _____
(Priority)

To: SAC, Miami (157-1114)
 From: Director, FBI (157-9-29)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
 INTERNAL SECURITY
 DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
 (PETE CHRISTIANSEN)

ReMMairtel 5/19/65.

Authority is granted for you to anonymously mail copies of Volume 3, Number 2 of "A Liberal Light" to the seven individuals listed in reairtel in an effort to expose the anti-police and agitational activities and attitude of Pete Christiansen. Include with each mailing a short anonymous typewritten note referring to the enclosure and expressing concern regarding the activities of Christiansen which are hurting the rational efforts of the Negro freedom movement.

Use commercially purchased stationery and a manual typewriter for this mailing and take the usual precautions to insure the mailings cannot be associated with the FBI.

Advise of any tangible results.

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J. Peterson

Sent Via _____ M Per _____

Miami, Florida
June 25, 1965

MEMO TO: SAC

Re: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS
DISPOSITION OF HATE GROUPS
(PETE CHRISTIANSEN)

Re Buairtel dated June 8, 1965.

A copy of the "A Liberal Light", along with the following anonymous typewritten note was mailed to the individuals on June 20, 1965, as listed in Serial 18 page 2:

C TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Attached is a copy of 'A Liberal Light,' Volume III, Number 2, by Editors Pete and Bill Christiansen, which illustrates the views of the Christiansen brothers as being anti-police authority and opposed to good government.

Is Pete Christiansen, as chairman of CORE, hurting the rational efforts of the Negro freedom movement?

Does Pete Christiansen's actions indicate he is using CORE for his own personal interests?

I have known the Christiansens brothers for a number of years and I sincerely question whether they have the true interest of American and the Negro freedom movement at heart.

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"I know you, as a dedicated advocate of the civil rights movement, undoubtedly are unaware of the radical philosophies and views of Pete Christiansen, as expressed in 'A Liberal Light.'"

I would trust that you and your associates would desire to take the necessary steps to remove such a person from a position of leadership in this movement to which we are all so dedicated.

"/s/ A. Civil Rights
Advocate"

A copy of "A Liberal Light" is attached to this memorandum.

LEONARD C. PETERSON
Special Agent

2.

It is, indeed, a peculiar irony that many local liberals are being persuaded that Miami Mayor Robert King High is "their" candidate for governor. Can our knowledge (or memory) be so limited as to pass over the mayor's record on matters of civil rights and civil liberties.

Item: On July 24, 1963, two city of Miami detectives appeared at the Greater Miami Peace Center, located in Coral Gables, and demanded records and schedules of all planned programs and activities. These same City of Miami policemen made repeated threats to the women in charge of the Peace Center, when the women questioned the reasons for such unusual and highly improper requests. The Mayor's office was contacted but made no reply.

Item: In October of this year, civil rights demonstrators at a Dairy Queen Drive-Inn, located in the City of Miami, were subject to a continuous barrage of obscenities by uniformed City of Miami policemen. The demonstrators were constantly dodging Miami police cars which attempted to ram the picket line. At one point a young woman with a baby in her arms was nearly knocked to the ground. On October 15, 1963, a young man was brutally assaulted by a Miami policeman, his hands smashed, and a camera stolen from him. The Florida Civil Liberties Union informed the Mayor's office of this incident, but to this date it has yet to receive a reply.

Item: On December 15, 1963 CORE and NAACP members, passing out literature at the Orange Bowl stadium were victims of a brutal attack by City of Miami police. A girl was literally knocked to the pavement, and then "placed under arrest." The girl had to be picked up off the ground by a physician and is still suffering from the wounds of the attack. A CORE leader was subject to a torrent of anti-Negro remarks by a group of uniformed City of Miami policemen.

The names of all the persons involved in the above incidents, both Miami policemen and victims, are on file with the Florida Civil Liberties Union.

If Mr. High is elected governor, we wonder if he will permit the state police authorities to operate as tyrannically as he is presently permitting the City of Miami police department to act, with regard to civil rights demonstrations.

Item: It has recently come to our attention that Mr. High, the self-proclaimed defender of Negro rights, deliberately has his children by-pass Coconut Grove Elementary School, an integrated school which is closest to home, to attend Sunset Elementary, a lily-white school many miles away. The school which the Mayor's children should normally be attending is Silver Bluff, which has both Negro children and a high percentage of Cuban children in attendance. No wonder many of High's supporters feel that the mayor will be right at home in Tallahassee.

J. Edgar Hoover - The Cop in the Gray Flannel Suit

The American people were recently treated to the annual spectacle of J. Edgar Hoover visiting the House Appropriations Committee with hat in hand, and his usual threatening stories to tell. Hoover, who has obviously learned well the art of getting money from Congress, sounded off against "reds" in the civil rights movement and alleged sympathies of a Communist recruiting drive among students. The first charge is as ironio as it is false. The charge is ironio because if there is any movement which has grown up out of the FBI's unwillingness to do their job, it is the civil rights movement. For decades Hoover's super-cops have sat on their hands while Negroes were subjected to violence not unlike that known to Hitler's Germany. The present civil rights revolution didn't alter the FBI's policies in the slightest and just recently the bureau played a yeoman role in indicting civil rights leaders in Albany, Georgia--truly a great contribution to the American social revolution. Hoover did not publicly name the "reds" so one is left to conclude that none of the civil rights leaders can be trusted, or, more likely, that Hoover cannot be trusted.

Hoover's account of Communist successes on American campuses are ancient revolations from him and have become part of his annual diatribe calculated to steer tax dollars into the bureau's kitty. One might feel, from the constant barrage of FBI propaganda, that a communist takeover of the nation is imminent and Hoover is quick to exploit this fear. While the "conspiracy" grows yearly, according to Bureau statements, the FBI budget grows proportionately larger. It seems rather illogical to heap good money after bad toward the support of an obviously, and by its own admission, ineffective agency of Uncle Sam.

Mr. Hoover, a bachelor, insists on making pronouncements on marriage and family without any apparent stir of partiality. The role of Hoover as a marriage counselor does not limit his role in everyday politics of the nation. Hoover is probably the only government official who regularly speaks out on any and all political matters of the day. Whether he is calling for capital punishment or retaining the archaic House Un-American Activities Committee, Hoover remains a four-square political and economic reactionary.

The record of the FBI and his bureau stands just above motherhood on the list of American "sacred cows". Since Americans have shown the good sense to replace "apple pie" with lox and bagels it seems quite probable that J. Edgar Hoover may yield to his intellectual betters--the Beatles.

Sense and Nonsense

The administration of the University of Miami is in no way responsible for the views expressed by the editors, and we wish to make it perfectly clear that the editors, and we wish to make it perfectly clear that the editors of A Liberal Light are in no way responsible for the views expressed by the administration.

6/30/65

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9 Main)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Re Miami airtel to Bureau dated 3/30/65.

Status Letter

1. Potential Counterintelligence Action

A Klavern of the United American Klans, Inc., is presently being formed at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and it is anticipated Miami will be in a position to use the Counterintelligence Program regarding the activities of this Klan in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

2. Pending Counterintelligence Action

Miami anonymously mailed to 7 leaders in the civil rights field, Miami, Florida, a note expressing concern regarding the activities of PETE CHRISTIANSEN, along with a copy of "A Liberal Light." CHRISTIANSEN is chairman of Miami Chapter of CORE, and it is doubtful whether he has the true interest of America and the Negro freedom movement at heart.

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3. Tangible Results

To date there have been no tangible results regarding the anonymous mailing.

4. Miscellaneous

None.

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COMMITTEE ON
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FOR THE YEAR 1960

JANUARY 2, 1961.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House
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THE COMMUNIST PARTY'S COLD WAR
AGAINST CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION
OF SUBVERSION

REPORT

AND

TESTIMONY OF ROBERT CARRILLO RONSTADT

COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
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The hearings were protested by Youth Against the House Un-American Activities Committee, with headquarters in Room 201, 421 Seventh Avenue, New York, which issued bulletins and news releases attacking the hearings, chartered buses to carry youth protest delegations to Washington, held meetings and generally conducted a campaign of vilification against the committee.

One rally of the group held on January 31, 1960, featured Clark Foreman, executive director of the cited Communist front, the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, as master of ceremonies. At that rally he lavishly praised Harvey O'Connor, an identified Communist. Pete Seeger, another identified Communist, provided entertainment. Mrs. Dorothy Marshall, who has a long record of service to Communist organizations over the years, was also featured on the program.

The committee also found significant the fact that the organization occupies the same rooms and uses the same staff as the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, the principal aim of which is to discredit this committee and discredit the FBI.

After carefully evaluating the testimony and other evidence in its possession, the committee concluded that the Harlem Youth Congress and the Youth Against the House Un-American Activities Committee are organizations created and controlled by the Communist Party for the purpose of carrying on the Communist program among youth.

Several times in the course of the hearings when uncooperative witnesses expressed defiance of the committee, the protest delegation of the Youth Against the House Un-American Activities Committee, which packed the hearing room, broke into cheers and applause. The committee chairman had to threaten to clear the hearing room to maintain order.

The hearings provided a good example of how the international Communist apparatus functions in support of its own. At the time of the hearings the committee received 11 protest letters from youth organizations in as many foreign countries. Each of these letters expressed "sorrow," "concern," "astonishment," "distress," etc., that the committee had subpened young Americans who had attended the Vienna Youth Festival in the interests of world peace.

The Communist inspiration behind these letters was apparent from the reference, in all the letters, to *only five witnesses*. Actually, ten witnesses who had attended the Vienna or other youth festivals were subpened to testify in the hearings. The international Communist apparatus apparently had not heard about the four anti-Communist witnesses and did not learn about the sixth Communist witness (who was subpened at a later date) until after the protest letters had been written.

COMMUNIST ESPIONAGE IN THE UNITED STATES

Testimony of Frantisek Tisler

Grim new evidence of the Communists' determination to strip America of its military and political secrets was offered to the committee during the past year by the testimony of Lt. Col. Frantisek Tisler.

¹ See "Communist Espionage in the United States: Testimony of Frantisek Tisler, Former Military and Air Attaché, Czechoslovak Embassy in Washington, D.C." May 10, 1960, Hearing before Committee on Un-American Activities.

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The chairman further described the book as "an absurd attempt to link the Committee to anti-Semitic, anti-Negro, anti-Catholic, and anti-immigrant prejudices."

SONGS

The February-March 1961 issue of *Sing Out*, an alleged folk song magazine, featured a propaganda song about the 1960 Communist-instigated riots against the committee. *Sing Out* is edited by Irwio Silber, who was identified as a member of the Communist Party in testimony given this committee in 1952. An associate editor of the magazine, Pete Seeger, has also been identified as a party member. The magazine frequently features favorite Communist Party songs and newly composed party-line lyrics.

Following, as one example of *Sing Out's* numerous anti-committee melodies, are the lyrics of the San Francisco riot song, written to the tune of "Billy Boy":

Did they wash you down the stair, Billy Boy, Billy Boy,
Did they wash you down the stair, Charming Billy?

Yes, they washed me down the stair,
And they rearranged my hair

With a club, in the city hall rotunda.

Were there pigeons in the square, Billy Boy, Billy Boy,
Were there pigeons in the square, Charming Billy?

There were pigeons in the square,
And stool pigeons on the air,

And they feuded up the city hall rotunda.

Did they set for you a chair, Billy Boy, Billy Boy,
Did they set for you a chair, Charming Billy?

No the D.A.R. was there,
And there wasn't room to spare,

So we stood in the city hall rotunda.

Was the house committee there, Billy Boy, Billy Boy,
Was the house committee there, Charming Billy?

The committee, it was there,
Throwing slander everywhere,

While we sang in the city hall rotunda.

Did the people think it fair, Billy Boy, Billy Boy,
Did the people think it fair, Charming Billy?

No they didn't think it fair,

And they notified the Mayor,

And he wept, and he wept,

And he wept, and he wept,
While they mopped up the city hall rotunda.

CARICATURES

The Liberty Prometheus Book Club, New York City, has announced publication in the near future of a book entitled *A Quarter Century of Un-American*. The book will be composed of derogatory caricatures and similar "art" work created over the years by opponents of the committee.

7. Other identified Communists, such as William M. Mandel and Douglas Wachter, attended the Du Bois Clubs founding convention. Five sons and daughters of Communist officials also were active at the founding convention: Bettina Aptheker; Margaret Lima; Oleta and Billy Proctor; and Eugene Dennis, Jr.
8. Greetings came to the convention from such pro-Communist groups as the South Vietnam Liberation Youth Union and the World Federation of Democratic Youth.
9. Articles in the New York Journal American and the Philadelphia Inquirer point out the Communist backing of the Du Bois Clubs. In one interview Jarvis Tyner, East Coast Coordinator of the Du Bois Clubs, admitted that some of the members consider themselves Communists.
10. Falsely accusing someone of being a Communist is libel, but there has been no reaction from the Du Bois Clubs in this way. They have denounced the charges as "red-baiting" but have not denied the essential truth, the fact that the W. E. B. Du Bois Clubs of America are nothing more than a new front of the Communist Party, a new propaganda tool of the atheistic, totalitarian system dedicated to "burying" you, the free American.

The only hope of the DuBois Clubs is that American youth are uninformed about the background of the clubs. For this reason, this pamphlet is being published by the Catholic War Veterans, Department of Pennsylvania, as an extension of the Pennsylvania Program. You are the target, don't be the victim.





are the Target !

You, the student, the young American, interested in civil rights, free speech, political action; you are the target of the Communist Party. The Communist Party doesn't want to "bury" you, as Khrushchev said, they want to recruit you.

Why ?

Because you are a potential leader of America.

How ?

By using an effective Communist tactic - the front organization.

When ?

Today, according to Gus Hall, leader of the Communist Party, USA.

A new Communist youth organization was formed at a convention in June, 1964, in San Francisco. Led by young Communists the W. E. B. Du Bois Clubs of America came into being.

But where did the people at this convention get the idea to form a new group? How did all of them just happen to meet in San Francisco?

According to J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, top Communist Party leaders decided to start the group as early as October, 1963, in order to recruit young people into the Communist Party and to spread the Communist Party line.

W. E. B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA

What are the Facts?

1. The W. E. B. Du Bois Clubs of America are named after a Negro educator who publicly joined the Communist Party in the United States at the age of 93.
2. The Worker, the Communist Party newspaper, reported favorably on the founding convention, in San Francisco, of the Du Bois Clubs. According to The Worker, "A national socialist youth organization was born." Today the Communists use the word socialist to describe their program of world domination.
3. One Carl Bloice was elected a national officer in the Du Bois Clubs. The Worker pointed out that he is a staff reporter for The People's World, which is the west coast equivalent of The Worker, a newspaper published by the Communist Party.
4. The Communist youth magazine, New Horizons, folded when the Du Bois Clubs were founded and was taken over, conveniently, by the Du Bois Clubs.
5. Phil Davis, President of the Du Bois Clubs, has attended Communist Party classes in California, and when asked by a reporter if he was a communist, he took the "Fifth."
6. Archie Brown attended the founding convention. He is an admitted Communist and has run for public office in California as a Communist.

SAC, Atlanta (157-826)

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Director, FBI (157-9-main)

CCOUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Enclosed for each office participating in this Program are one copy of a leaflet exposing the Communist Party (CP) spawned and controlled W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America and one copy of a leaflet exposing the communist background of Pete Seeger.

Both these items utilize public source material to expose the communists. The first was researched by the Philadelphia Office with its layout and design produced by the Bureau's Exhibit Section. To avoid associating the Bureau with the DuBois Clubs of America leaflet, discreet arrangements were made for the Catholic War Veterans to sponsor its dissemination. The second leaflet was prepared by a private organization without the cooperation of the Bureau, to expose the communist musician, Pete Seeger.

These items have been used as counterintelligence techniques to expose the communists and they are forwarded to suggest possible techniques to publicly expose Klan and hate-type organizations, and their members. The Bureau will be pleased to assist any office participating in this Program in the preparation of such material. Offices desiring to have such material prepared should submit their recommendation to the Bureau together with pertinent public source material and with suggestions for design and layout.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114)(P)

RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUP
(UNITED KLAN OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
RM - KLAN)

BOB TWIST, an active member of Broward Klavern #4, United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., is employed as a yacht captain at a high salary by Ft. Lauderdale multi-millionaire WILLIAM H. KINNUCAN, 2880 N. E. 29th St., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. KINNUCAN is owner of the Marlin Beach Hotel, 17 South Atlantic Boulevard, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. The Marlin Beach Hotel is a fashionable and one of the better hotels in Ft. Lauderdale Beach.

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[redacted] records disclose that ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, stayed at the Marlin Beach Hotel from July 3 through July 5, 1965, the period during which the Florida State Rally of the UKA was held at Ft. Lauderdale.

[redacted] FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

reservations for SHELTON were made by BOB TWIST without the knowledge and consent of KINNUCAN or [redacted] FOIA(b) (7) - (D) KINNUCAN and the Press are unaware of the fact SHELTON stayed at the Marlin Beach Hotel.

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[FOIA(b) (7) - (D)] also advised confidentially that KINNUCAN is quite upset over recent Klan activity in Ft. Lauderdale and was distressed earlier this week when he learned that BOB TWIST was hospitalized after incurring personal injury in a fight at Porky's Night Club in Oakland Park, Fla.

KINNUCAN is evidently unaware of BOB TWIST's involvement in the Ku Klux Klan.

[FOIA(b) (7) - (D)] stated that KINNUCAN's house is located on the inter-coastal at Ft. Lauderdale and his yacht is moored behind the house. BOB TWIST has access to the house and yacht. KINNUCAN maintains an expensive gun collection, valued between three hundred and four hundred thousand dollars in his home. The guns are unlocked and are maintained in working condition.

Indices of the Miami Office contain no derogatory information concerning KINNUCAN.

The Miami Office recommends that KINNUCAN be interviewed by Bureau agents and confidentially furnished with the following information, all of which has been obtained from Bureau Klan informants:

1. BOB TWIST is an active Klan member and acted as a security guard at the recent Florida State Rally, held at Ft. Lauderdale, on 7/3/65. In his capacity as security guard at the rally, TWIST appeared in full security guard uniform, consisting of white helmet, black boots and khaki uniform with Klan insignia.

2. He has in his personal possession at least 2 sub-machine guns which have been offered to the Klan.

3. He has made the statement to Klan officials that he has access to "an expensive gun collection of W. H. KINNUCAN" should the Klan need it.

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4. He was recently involved, along with other Klansmen, in a fist fight at Porky's Night Club, Oakland Park, Fla., which resulted in one Klansman firing a shot into the night club from a fleeing automobile.

5. He personally arranged for the accommodations of Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON at the Marlin Beach Hotel, without knowledge or consent of hotel management. It will be pointed out that SHELTON was the principal speaker at the Klan rally held on 7/3/65. It will be suggested that had this fact become known to the Press it would undoubtedly have resulted in bad publicity for the hotel.

6. BOB TWIST's nephew, TED TWIST, is the Exalted Cyclops of the Southeast - Southwest Klavern of the UKA at Ft. Lauderdale and his brother, ED TWIST, is an officer of this Klan.

7. BOB TWIST has been seen in the cocktail lounge at the Marlin Beach Hotel with Assistant Grand Dragon for the State of Florida, CHARLES B. RIDDLEHOOPER, Exalted Cyclops TED TWIST and other Klan officials.

8. BOB TWIST was recently observed giving Exalted Cyclops TED TWIST several \$1,000. bills.

It is felt by the Miami Office that the disclosure of the above information to KINNUCAN will result in BOB TWIST's discharge by KINNUCAN as yacht captain and that KINNUCAN will sever all relations with him.

If this severance is effective, the following beneficial results can be expected:

1. The Klan at Ft. Lauderdale will no longer have access to KINNUCAN's firearms and thus it will be removed a potential source of violence.

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2. BOB TWIST will no longer be in a position to be a lucrative source of income for the Klan.

3. His dismissal by KINNUCAN will undoubtedly have a demoralizing effect on the whole Ku Klux Klan movement in Ft. Lauderdale.

The Miami Office requests Bureau authority to contact KINNUCAN for the purpose stated above.

Miami feels certain that Bureau informants will not be compromised and that such an interview with KINNUCAN will not result in embarrassment to the Bureau or the disclosure of Bureau interest in this matter.

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANNS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
RM - KLAN)

Re Miami airtel to Bureau 7/13/65.

Information received 7/19/65 by the Miami Office indicates WILLIAM H. KINNUCAN is preparing for an extended trip and is expected to depart Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in the near future.

Therefore, the Bureau is requested to promptly notify Miami of its decision to grant or deny permission to interview KINNUCAN along lines set forth in referenced airtel.

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 (UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
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ReMMairtel 7/13/65 requesting authority to contact
 William H. Kinnucan regarding Bob Twist, a klan member, who is
 employed by Kinnucan as a yacht captain.

Your attention is directed to the matter captioned
 "UNSUB; Explosion at Residence of William H. Kinnucan, 2880 N. E.
 29th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 12/31/64; Bombing Matters,"
 Bufile 157-2445, MMfile 157-1232.

It is noted the explosion caused an estimated \$1,500.00
 damage to the front stoop of the residence

MM is requested to again review its files, submit any
 additional pertinent information regarding Kinnucan and furnish
 a justification for contacting him which would override the
 information set out above.

Thereafter, the Bureau will give additional consider-
 ation concerning your request to contact Kinnucan in the manner
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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(PETE CHRISTIANSEN)

Re Bureau airtel to Miami, 6/8/65, and Miami
airtel to Bureau, 6/30/65.

The Bureau, by referenced airtel of June 8, 1965, granted authority to the Miami Office for the mailing of an anonymous communication which would portray the true character of PETE CHRISTIANSEN, who had acquired the position of Co-Chairman of CORE in the Miami area.

The mailing of this anonymous communication was handled in accordance with Bureau instructions and directed to a number of influential persons involved in the civil rights field in the Miami area.

On July 16, 1965, some three weeks after the Miami Division completed the anonymous mailing, Dr. JOHN O. BROWN, Liaison Source - R of the Miami Division, advised that PETE CHRISTIANSEN had resigned his position as Co-Chairman of CORE in the Miami area. He indicated that ostensibly CHRISTIANSEN resigned this position to assume some type of employment with the Economic Opportunity Program. No further details were available regarding CHRISTIANSEN's future plans.

CHRISTIANSEN's replacement in CORE has not as yet been named.

It would appear from the above that the action authorized by the Bureau in connection with this particular counterintelligence undertaking was highly successful in accomplishing the desired end.

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COUNTER INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)

Re Miami airtel to Bureau, dated 7/13/65, and Bureau airtel to Miami, dated 7/22/65.

On July 29, 1965, VICTOR RACK, Personal Secretary to WILLIAM H. KINNUCAN, 2880 N. E. 29th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, furnished the following information:

BOB TWIST recently, while KINNUCAN was in an intoxicated condition succeeded in obtaining KINNUCAN's signature on 16 Klan documents, including a Klan application card. When KINNUCAN, the following day, was unable to recover these documents from TWIST, he retained a Fort Lauderdale, Florida Attorney, RONALD SLATON, instructing SLATON to endeavor to contact Klan officials and regain possession of all documents bearing KINNUCAN's signature.

RACK, who is deeply concerned over KINNUCAN's having become involved in the Klan through TWIST, has decided with KINNUCAN, to discharge BOB TWIST. KINNUCAN intends to notify TWIST when he puts his yacht in dry-dock next week, before leaving on a two month vacation, that TWIST's services as a Yacht Captain will no longer be needed.

In view of the above, no purpose would be served in contacting Mr. KINNUCAN at this time, and the Miami Office will not do so unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

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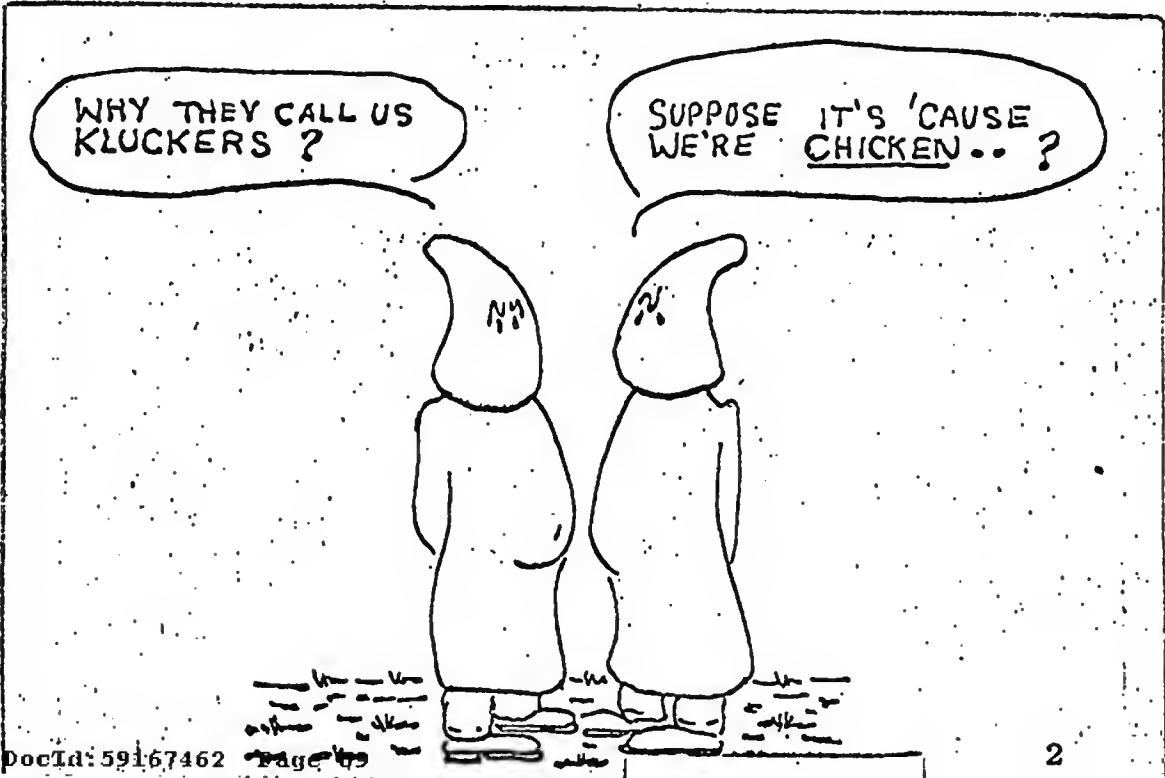
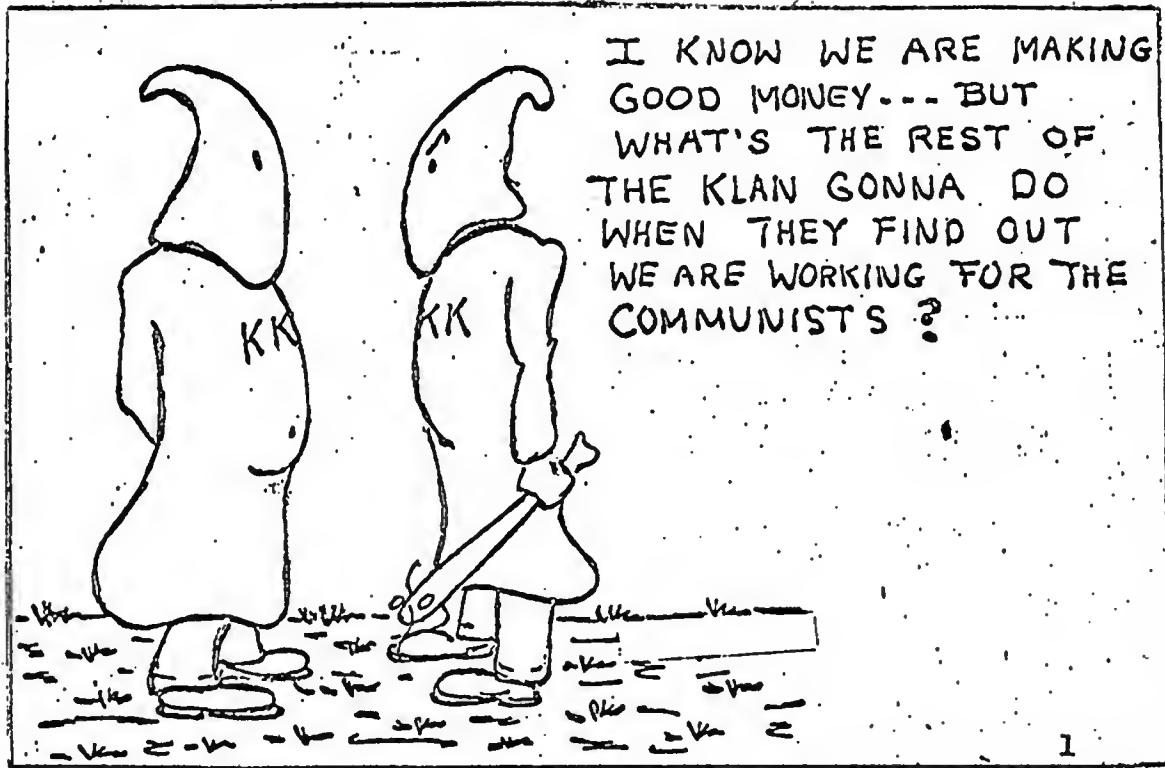
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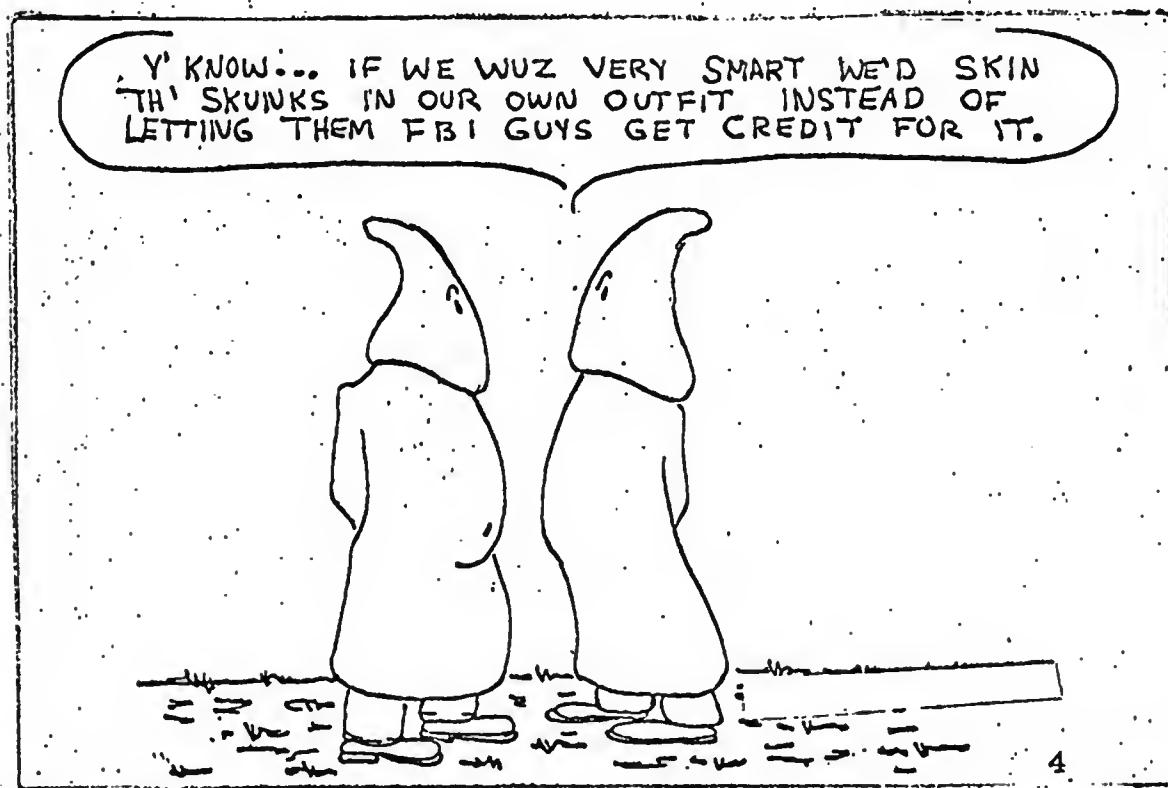
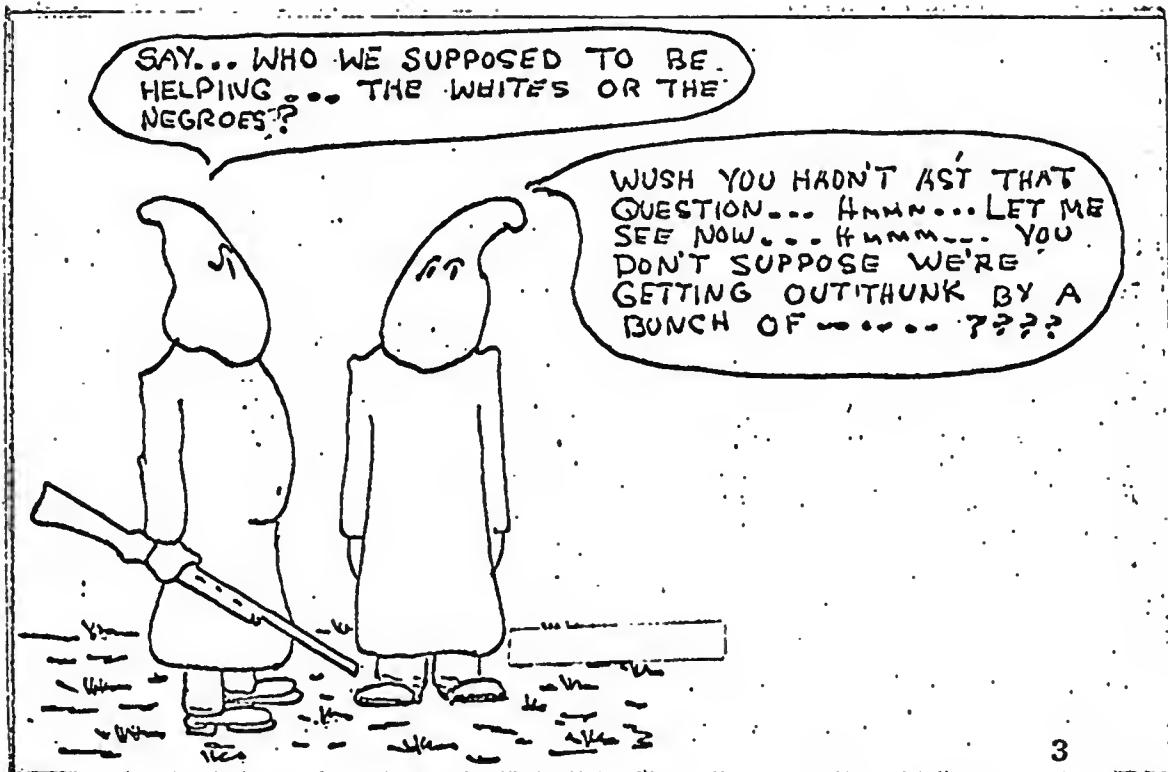
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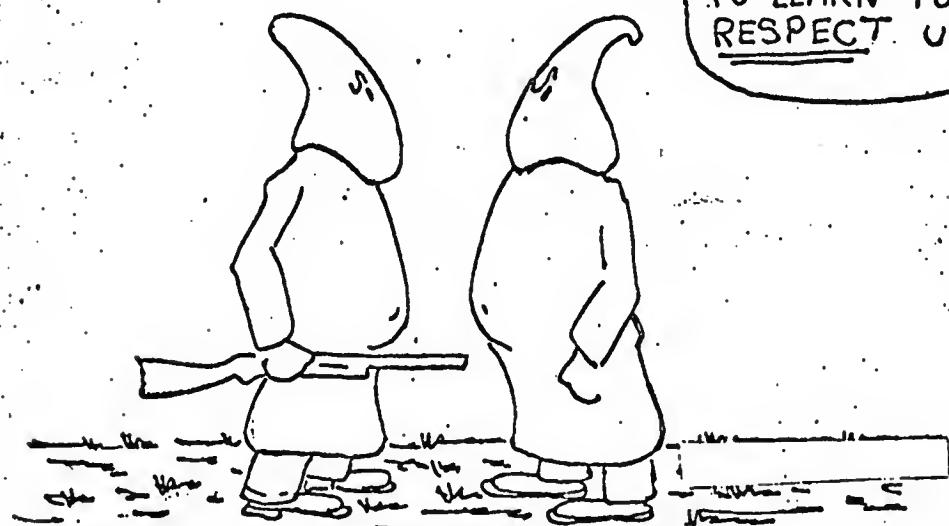
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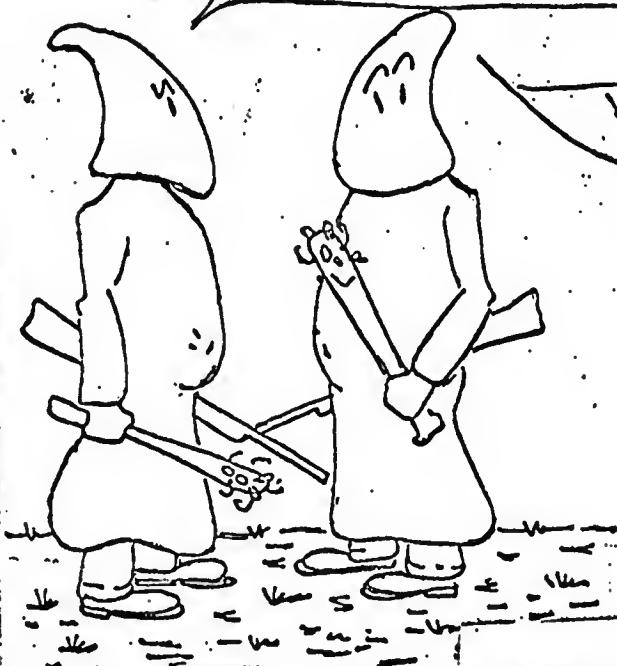
LET'S SHOW 'EM WHUT GOOD MEN WE ARE...
YOU SNEAK UP AND BOMB HIS HOUSE, AND WHILE
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TO LEARN TO
RESPECT US!



THEM "NIGGERS" OUGHT TO BE PAYING US FOR
MAKIN' THE SOUTH LOOK SO BAD.

YOU 'MEAN THEY ALL'NT?



SAC, Atlanta (157-826)

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Director, FBI (157-9-MAIN)

**COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(CARTOONS AND CARICATURES)**

Enclosed for each office is one enclosure consisting of six individually numbered Xerox copies of cartoons prepared and sent to the Bureau by the New Orleans Office. These cartoons depict Ku Klux Klansmen in conversations which tend to make the organization look ridiculous.

It is believed that by strategically disseminating cartoons of this type in areas frequented by Klansmen, a salutary effect will be achieved in causing Klansmen to think about the public image which they create.

It is also believed that strategic dissemination of this type of material will serve as a hindrance in recruiting programs among non-Klansmen.

Each office receiving this letter should review these cartoons to determine if any of these, or a variation of a cartoon, is suitable for use, anonymously or through friendly news sources within its field office territory.

In the event it is determined these cartoons would have counterintelligence value, and would not adversely affect our informant development program, the Bureau should be advised together with complete recommendations. Thereafter, the cartoon selected will be prepared as requested and forwarded with instructions relative to its use.

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Enclosure

Letter to SAC, Atlanta
Re: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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In the event any office believes a caricature-type cartoon, based on a different theme, could be effectively used to disrupt the Klan within its territory, a rough draft of such a cartoon should be submitted to the Bureau together with recommendations for its preparation and subsequent use.

No counterintelligence activity should be taken without specific Bureau authority.

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RE: COUNTER INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
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The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, conceal all sources, paraphrase contents.

Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks:

ReBulet AT,etal., dated 8/9/65. Consider attached cartoon or variation for possible counterintelligence use and submit appropriate recommendations to Bureau if warranted.

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Mr. John Q: The Reasonable Man



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LAW-ABIDING AND NON-VIOLENT.
AN', MR. PRESIDENT, YOU SAYS
TAKE 'OFF THE ROSES, OKAY.
LEMME EXPLAIN, L.B...HUR? OH.
IT'S OK, IF I SAY MR. PRESIDENT.



OK, MR. PRESIDENT; THEM
DEAD LIL' GIRLS? WELL,
WE DON'T GET THE IMPACT OF
OUR PROJECT IF WE BOMB
A EMPTY CHURCH...LEAVES
TROUBLE IF YOU'S UNDERSTOOD.



AN' MURKUR EVER. WE
WAS GIVIN' FAIR AND FULL
WADIN'...WE PROTECTS OUR
CITY. JIMIE JACKSON
WAS ONE OF OUR OWN. WE
PROTECT HIM. F...L...NUGGLE



NOW THAT POSTALMAN WAS
OFF HIS ROUTE...SHOULD OF
SEEN IN BALTIMORE...WE
TRIED TO HELP. PUT A FRIENDLY
WARNING SHOT GROSS HIS DOG
AN' HE KILLED RIGHT INTO IT...



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MIGS JUST SORTA SICKENS
AN' DIES...COULDN'T TAKE
OUR SOUTHERN CLIMATE...
WE GIVE 'EM DECENT BURIAL,
BEST GRAVE BY A DAK SITE.



PEEB, HE WAS AWAY FROM
HIS FLOCK...WE TRIED TO
PERSUADE HIM TO RETURNAN'
DUN' HUMANS, HE PUSHED HIM
FROM BEHIND, FROM IN FRONT
WE MIGHT OF SCARED HIM.



OTHER DAY WE TRY QUIETLY TO
SHOW WHAT WE DON'T BELIEVE
IT...IT'S FOR WHITE WOMEN TO
MILK WITH TRASH. UNLUCKILY,
MRS. LUZZO WAS WOUNDED
DURING THE EXPLANATION.



WHAT'D YOU SAY, L.B. I
MEAN MR. PRESIDENT?
PUT THE DOG BY ROOG
BACK ON? BUT, SIR.
WE HAVE NOTHIN' TO HIDE.

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Re Miami airtel to Bureau, 6/30/65.

Status Letter

1. Potential Counterintelligence Action

Three Klaverns of the United American Klans, Inc., have been formed in Broward County, and one Klavern is being formed in Dade County, Florida. It is anticipated that Miami will be in a position to use the counterintelligence program regarding the activities of this Klan in the Miami Division.

2. Pending Counterintelligence Action

None.

3. Tangible Results

As a result of mailing an anonymous communication to various leaders in the civil rights movement, PETER CHRISTIANSEN, Co-chairman of the Miami Chapter of CORE, resigned his position. CHRISTIANSEN was an undesirable leader in CORE and it was highly desirable that he be replaced. (See Miami letter to Bureau, 7/28/65.)

4. Miscellaneous

None.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114)(P)

RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,
MIAMI KLAVERN)

Re Miami airtel to Bureau 6/30/65.

PROPOSED COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

Three Klaverns of the UKA have recently been formed in Broward Co., Fla., and at the present time a Klavern of the UKA is being formed in Miami, Dade Co., Fla. The motivating force behind the formation of the Miami Klavern comes from JOSEPH FRANCIS SIDDONS, SR., and he has been assisted by JACK H. GRANTHAM, described as white male, born 3/1/38 and resides 18710 N. W. 44th Ct., Miami, Fla. GRANTHAM has been selected as the E. C. SIDDONS is well known to the Miami Office and considerable information has been furnished to the Bureau regarding him. Background information re SIDDONS is set forth in the enclosed airtel and 1hm dated 2/24/64 at Miami, Fla., captioned "JOSEPH FRANCIS SIDDONS, SR., RACIAL MATTERS. OO: MIAMI".

SIDDONS reportedly is the secretary of the Miami Klavern. At the present time there are approximately

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15 individuals who are members of the Miami Klavern and as soon as 25 members have been obtained, a Klan charter will be issued. Out of the 15 present members, Miami Office has two informants who are furnishing information. They are identified as [redacted]

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[redacted] is presently under development and his activities are not being directed by the Bureau, although information furnished by him is being accepted.

Pertinent information re the Miami Klavern has been furnished to the Intelligence Units of the Miami PD and the DCSO.

Information was furnished to the DCSO that on the evening of 9/14/65 an initiation of new members for the Miami Klavern would take place at a vacant house at 6048 S. W. 19th St., Miami, Fla. Neither of Miami informants planned to attend this initiation since neither informant had developed any new members for the Miami Klavern.

Lt. LESLIE VAN BUSKIRK, Intelligence Unit, DCSO, advised that officers from his department as well as squad cars would be in the area of the initiation and would pick up tag numbers and possibly cause some embarrassment to the officials as well as placing question marks in the minds of the new members as to whether they should be joining the Klan.

Also enclosed for the Bureau is a newspaper clipping from "The Miami News" dated 9/15/65, which reports on the results of the coverage afforded the Klan meeting by the DCSO.

In addition to the information in the newspaper clipping, the DCSO Officers interviewed and obtained the names of 6 individuals, 3 of whom were active Klan leaders from Ft. Lauderdale, 2 who were possibly new recruits to the Klan, one being NOLAN LAWRENCE BEATTY, in addition to JACK H. GRANTHAM the E. C. of the Miami Klavern, who was stopped by the Dade County Officers after leaving the meeting and issued a ticket for not having a driver's license.

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Lt. VAN BUSKIRK advised as a result of the coverage of this meeting by the DCSO, Klan members NOLAN BEATTY contacted DCSO Security Guard, a friend of his by the name of CHARLES SYMPSON, 1770 N. W. 24th Court, and questioned him re the Klan. BEATTY asked SYMPSON if he would be willing to join the Klan and SYMPSON replied he would consider this and would let him know as soon as possible.

After being contacted by BEATTY, SYMPSON immediately telephonically contacted the Miami Office of the FBI re this contact and in addition contacted Lt. VAN BUSKIRK. VAN BUSKIRK later advised he discussed this matter with Dade Co. Sheriff T. A. BUCHANAN and they have decided to let SYMPSON join the Klan. SYMPSON then informed VAN BUSKIRK he had been contacted for the specific purpose of obtaining confidential information from the SO and in particular, to ascertain which Klan member had informed the SO re the initiation on the evening of 9/14/65. Lt. VAN BUSKIRK stated that on the evening of 9/17/65, CHARLES SYMPSON was contacted at his residence by JOSEPH SIDDONS and JACK GRANTHAM and interviewed by them, after which they furnished SYMPSON with an application blank to join the Klan. They were both impressed with SYMPSON and according to a statement made by GRANTHAM, SYMPSON is officer material for the Klan. VAN BUSKIRK advised SYMPSON is scheduled to be initiated into the Klan on the evening of 9/23/65.

In addition, VAN BUSKIRK stated that they plan to funnel information to the Klan through SYMPSON and will attempt to expose one of the Klansman as having furnished the information to the SO.

Based on the information set forth above, it would appear this is an excellent opportunity for the Miami Office to suggest to the DCSO the possibility of exposing JOSEPH SIDDONS as the police informer. This could be handled by the SO preparing a secret and confidential report on fabricated contacts with SIDDONS setting forth pertinent positive information re the Klan in Broward and Dade County, Fla., in addition to background information concerning SIDDONS.

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Bureau authority is requested to make the above suggestion to the Intelligence Unit, DCSO and furnish them known background info re SIDDONS. In addition, since SIDDONS has attended Klan meetings in Ft. Lauderdale, the identities of Klan leaders in Broward Co. along with the known members of the Miami Klavern and other pertinent information re Klan activities such as SIDDONS attendance at a Klan rally in Wildwood, Fla. on 9/4/65. In connection with members of the Miami Klavern, it would be desirable to furnish the names of Miami informants since not to do so might tend to expose their identity. Of course, the SO would not be advised that these individuals are Klan informants for the Miami Office.

It is believed the above intelligence action would create considerable dissention among the members of the Miami Klavern as well as dissention among the leaders of the Broward Co. Klavern.

On 9/24/65 Lt. VAN BUSKIRK advised that SYMPSON was initiated into the Miami Klavern on the evening of 9/23/65 with 7 other men. Election of officers for the Miami Klavern was held, since they now have 25 members and SYMPSON has been elected to the office of Secretary. SYMPSON furnished pertinent information as to this Klan meeting.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)

COUNTER INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM;
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLAN OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,
BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA KLAVERNS)

Enclosed for the Bureau is one photograph of EDWARD HIRAM TWIST, III, as he appeared in klan robes at the UKA rally at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on 7/3/65.

EDWARD HIRAM TWIST, III, aka Ted Twist (Miami file 157-1361) until just recently served as Exalted Cyclops of Broward Klavern No. 4 at Fort Lauderdale. TWIST is one of the charter members of the UKA at Fort Lauderdale, and has been instrumental in organizing local klaverns in Broward County, Fla. He operates "Ted Twist's Sport Bar", 1536 Cordova Road, Fort Lauderdale, a hang out for klansmen. His father is EDWARD H. TWIST, JR. (Miami file 157-1360), who is currently holding the position of Exalted Cyclops of Broward Klavern No. 4; his brother, RONALD JEFFERY TWIST (Miami file 157-1445), is an active member of this klavern, and his uncle, ROBERT TWIST, (Miami file 157-1429), is a klavern security guard and agitator for the Klan.

It has been ascertained that EDWARD HIRAM TWIST, III, is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, and was recently elected Senior Vice Commandant of the Broward County Chapter of the "Marine Corps League", a

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national veterans' organization, with local offices at 521 S. Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The address of the national headquarters is in care of CHARLES WEAVER, National Adjutant, National Headquarters, Marine Corps League, 1003 N. Randolph St., Arlington, Va., 22201.

— Although enclosed photograph was taken by "Fort Lauderdale News" photographer BILL BATES, this photograph has never appeared in any newspaper.

In an effort to disrupt and disclose klan activity in Fort Lauderdale, the Miami Office can, through confidential contacts with the managing editor of the "Fort Lauderdale News", arrange to have TWIST's photograph published with an accompanying article on his position as an officer of the Marine Corps League. This newspaper article can be effected without any embarrassment to the Bureau by revealing the source of the article to the public.

Miami is of the opinion that the publication of TWIST's photograph in the klan robes in the local newspaper would result in embarrassment to the TWIST family, all of whom are involved in klan activities; disruption of klan recruitment activities in Broward County; and materially damage business at TWIST's Sport Bar. Therefore, the Miami Office requests that the Bureau approve this course of action.

If the Bureau feels such publication as proposed above may result in unwarranted criticism of the Marine Corps League, then it is alternately suggested that the Bureau authorize that this photograph be anonymously mailed to the Marine Corps League headquarters in Arlington, Va.

However, it is emphasized that Miami feels more will be gained in disrupting klan activities by exposing the TWIST family by publication of the newspaper article.

SAC, Atlanta (157-826)

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Director, FBI (157-9-MAIN)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

I am well pleased with the positive results which have been realized as a result of the variety of counter-intelligence techniques and operations which have been directed against Klan-type and hate groups during the past several months.

The number of new, unique and ingenious counter-intelligence techniques which have been recommended by the field indicate investigative personnel are affording this program imaginative attention.

It is my desire, however, that all offices receiving this letter should very actively participate in this program maintaining an imaginative and aggressive approach. I also want to impress upon the recipient offices, that all investigative personnel responsible for Klan-type and hate group investigations be alerted and encouraged to submit counterintelligence recommendations relating to their individual investigations. The responsibility for counterintelligence action should not be delegated exclusively to the Agent assigned to the Program, who should be acting in the capacity of coordinator.

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Letter to SAC, Atlanta
Re: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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This letter should be brought to the attention of all Special Agent personnel responsible for counterintelligence action relating to the investigation of Klan-type and hate groups and their memberships.

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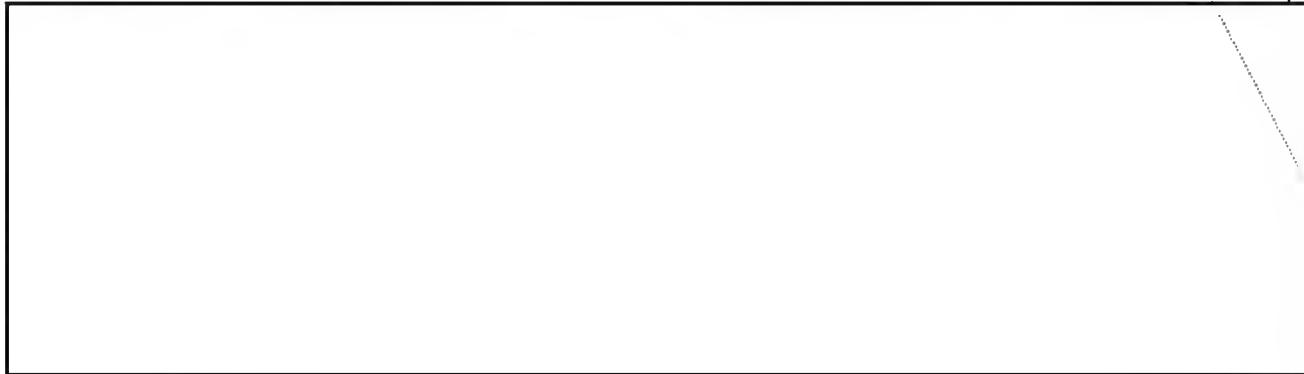
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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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 (UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
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 MIAMI KLAVERN)

ReMMairtel 9/24/65.

While the Bureau appreciates your submitting the counterintelligence suggestion involving Charles Edward Sympson, an employee of the Dade County Sheriff's Office, as set out in reairtel, authority is denied your office to place it in effect.



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 (UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
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 BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA KLAVERNS)

ReMMairtel 9/28/65.

The Bureau is considering the counterintelligence suggestion submitted in referenced airtel.

You are requested to advise the Bureau of the name of the Managing Editor of the "Fort Lauderdale News," through whom you plan to have the photograph of Edward Hiram Twist, III, in Klan robes, published along with an accompanying article on his position as an officer in the Marine Corps League. Also advise whether or not he is an established source and has cooperated with the Bureau in the past and whether or not he can be relied upon to keep the identity of the Bureau "Confidential."

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DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,
BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA KLAVERNS)

Re Bureau airtel to Miami 10/8/65.

For the information of the Bureau, MILTON J. KELLY, Managing Editor of the "Fort Lauderdale News", has been a contact of the Miami Office for over ten years. He has voluntarily furnished information of a confidential nature to the Bureau over the years, which has proven to be completely reliable.

He has always spoken highly of the Bureau and has published in his newspaper editorials complimentary of the Bureau and particularly of the Director.

He periodically refers to articles and editorials appearing in the "Law Enforcement Bulletin" in his newspaper.

Miami is of the opinion KELLY can be relied upon to keep the identity of the Bureau "Confidential".

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(CARTOONS AND CARICATURES)

Re Bureau letter to Atlanta, 8/9/65.

The cartoons enclosed with referenced letter have been reviewed for counterintelligence value. In the Miami Division, no opportunity has arisen in which the use of cartoons would be desirable. However, Miami will keep this technique in mind for disruption of Klan groups.

The Bureau will be advised as to future recommendations.

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Date: 10/22/65

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To: SAC, Miami (157-1114)

From: Director, FBI (157-9-29)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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 (UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
 KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,
 BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA KLAVERNS)

ReMMairtels 9/28/65 and 10/11/65.

Authority is granted as a counterintelligence action, for your office, through confidential contact with Milton J. Kelly, Managing Editor of the "Fort Lauderdale News," to arrange for the publication of the photograph of Edward Hiram Twist, III, in Klan robes along with an accompanying article on his being recently elected Senior Vice Commandant of the Broward County Chapter of the Marine Corps League.

Within two weeks after the publication of the photograph and article in the "Fort Lauderdale News," you should anonymously mail a copy of same along with a note neatly prepared in a man's handwriting, which is set out below, to Charles Weaver National Adjutant, National Headquarters, Marine Corps League, 1003 North Randolph Street, Arlington, Virginia 22201. The note should read as follows:

"It is a disgrace that a despicable man like Edward Hiram Twist, III, who along with his father Edward Hiram Twist, Jr., his brother Ronald Jeffery and his uncle, Robert Twist, is extremely active in the Ku Klux Klan in Florida should be elected to a high office in the Marine Corps League.

(Signed)
 "A Disgusted Marine"

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Airtel to SAC, Miami
Re:- COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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Your interest in submitting this counterintelligence request is appreciated. Advise of any tangible results and be alert to recommend follow-up counterintelligence action.

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Klan Dragon Here Protests Arrest

By **BILL BARRY**
Reporter of The Miami News

The grand dragon of a newborn Ku Klux Klan group complained today that Dade County deputy sheriffs swooped down on him like highwaymen in the night. And, he said, "They took a lot of stuff out of my car — my personal property — that they were not authorized to take."

Charles Baker Riddlehoover, 31, of 3111 Houston St., Fort Lauderdale, said he is "just an everyday man like everybody else." He is a sheet metal worker and the father of three.

"I've always been a member of the Klan," he said. "Most white people are, or should be." He supposedly formed the United Knights of the Ku Klux Klan at a recent Melbourne meeting after becoming dissatisfied with the leadership of the United Klans of America.

Riddlehoover said he would rather not comment about reports that the new group was formed partly because there was no accounting of money paid into the treasury of the United Klans.

A congressional investigation of the KKK is delving into what happens to money after it is dropped into the Klan coffers. Riddlehoover said he was a passenger in his own car on the North-South Expressway about 10:15 Thursday night when two carloads of deputy sheriffs swooped down on him.

He said his car was being driven by 28-year-old Harold Grantham, of 18710 NW 44th Ct. Grantham is supposed to be the exalted cyclops of the new Klavern.

He did not deny that there were more people in the car with them. "I'd rather not comment on that," he said. "We were visiting some people in Miami."

Asked if the visit was to organize in Miami, he said: "We're organizing all over the United States."

When the deputies stopped his car, he said, they claimed Grantham was speeding. "He wasn't," Riddlehoover said. "There were two carloads of them. They had this strategy planned."

The deputies, he said, made the people in his car get out and stand with their hands on the hood of the vehicle while they were searched. His .22 caliber automatic pistol was found strapped to the driver's side door. It was exposed in a holster, he said.

The deputies took certain boxes of papers and records without showing him a search warrant, he said.

Later he was charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He refused to say what he had been convicted of, but said, "It's 13 or 14 years old." He is free on \$500 bond.

Grantham was charged with careless driving and, also was released.

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Riddlehoover said he thinks someone has tapped his telephone but he did not accuse the sheriff's men of doing it.

According to sheriff's reports, deputies arrested Riddlehoover and Grantham after several months of intensive investigation of Klan activities around Miami.

One of the papers confiscated from Riddlehoover's car supposedly states: "The only way to withdraw from the United Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Inc. is feet first."

The papers also were said to include a membership list of about 15 names, but Riddlehoover said he could not comment on that "because it would be a violation of my oath."

For the same reason, he said, he could not comment about papers that seemed to concern Klan rallies planned in several Florida cities within the next two months. He also said he could not say if the rallies will be called off now.

The new group, he said, is organized "principally along the same lines" as the parent outfit.

The Klan robes and masks apparently were carried over to the maverick group, and the ladies are organizing an auxiliary similar to the one operated by their national sisters.

Officials at sheriff's headquarters said they could answer no questions about the new Klavern, or why it was being investigated.

They said the case is being handled by Lt. L. J. Van Buskirk of the Criminal Intelligence Section, who was unavailable for comment.

The sheriff also was not available for comment. A call to his home produced the information, "he's gone fishing down in the Keys."

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'I Might Go Feet First Myself'

By FORD BURKHART
Herald Staff Writer

FORT LAUDERDALE — With the bed sheets still on the beds, the Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan granted an audience Saturday, proudly noted his plaque as "Jaycee Man of the Year" and threatened to sue policemen "for violating my civil rights."

Dragon "Rip," or Charles Baker Riddlehoover, as he is more formally known, suffered the indignity of arrest the other evening.

Dade sheriff's men stopped him on the North-South Expressway and found a .22 caliber automatic strapped inside a car door and KKK literature saying the only way to quit the Klan is "feet first."

"Don't care to comment on that," said Riddlehoover, 31, a brawny, 200-pound

sheet metal worker who kept his eyes on a TV football game Saturday during an interview at his home at 3111 Houston St.

"Who knows? I might go out of the Klan feet first myself."

Police charged him with possession of a firearms by a felon. The Dragon didn't care to comment on that either.

"That was way back. It is



Rip Riddlehoover
... proud of award

something I wouldn't hold against another man," he said.

The Dragon denounced his tormentors. "The police kept me waiting there in the car for the television photographer to arrive. I'm going to sue."

Then, after a pause for a crucial third down and three yards to go, he said, "Of course, I got no hard feeling for the sheriff. We don't

have no problems with the law enforcement."

The audience Saturday occurred in the Dragon's front parlor, where he wore black boots and a cowboy shirt with pearl snaps unsnapped at his exposed belly-button.

On the wall was a plaque: "Fort Lauderdale Jaycee Man of the Year, 1968."

"I suppose that was for

my help with kid softball teams."

Arrested with the Dragon was his Exalted Cyclops, Jack Harold Grantham, 28, of 18710 NW 44th Ct., who was charged with reckless driving.

The Klan, he said, is "good all the way." "We are in favor of niggers having rights — as long as they don't encroach on our rights."

"It is the communists we're fighting," he said.

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2 Klan-Officers Arrested in Dade

Gun Found In Auto, Police Say

By GENE MILLER
Herald Staff Writer

Dade sheriff's deputies Friday arrested two self-proclaimed Ku Klux Klansmen — a Grand Dragon and an Exalted Cyclops — and seized documents saying the only way to quit the Klan is "feet first."

The Dragon, Charles Baker (Rip) Riddlehoover, 31, quit the United Knights of the Ku Klux Klan last July and formed his own splinter group in Broward County.

Local police charged him Friday with possession of a firearm. He was freed on \$500 bond.

Arrested at the same time — for careless driving — was the Cyclops, Jack Harold Grantham, 28, of 18710 NW 44th Ct. He was released without bail.

Riddlehoover's gun, a .22-caliber automatic, was strapped to the door of a car, police said.

They also confiscated two briefcases and a cardboard box, described as containing "secret documents" and a list

of 15 members, including two Miamians and two men from Fort Lauderdale.

Sheriff T. A. Buchanan identified the two Broward men as "prominent businessmen," according to United Press International.

One of the confiscated documents declared that "the only way to withdraw from the United Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., is feet first," police said.

Again, based on records seized, investigating officers said the new group was formed in a meeting at Melbourne.

Riddlehoover, of 3111 Houston St., Fort Lauderdale, quit the United KKK with a flourish at a rally north of Fort Lauderdale July 3, saying: "I've lost my job."

"Dozens have come up and give me the secret handshake," he said then.

At the Melbourne organizational meeting, police said, the group decided not to change United Klan rituals, or robes.

According to police, the women are forming "a ladies auxil-

iary group." The police also said the new Klan planned a series of rallies in several Florida cities in the next two months.

Among them are: Cross City, Nov. 13 and 14; Pompano Beach, Nov. 20 and 21; Wildwood, Nov. 27, Tavares, Nov. 28, and Jacksonville, Dec. 4 and 5.

Hoods were to be worn at the rallies and tags with numbers were to be substituted for name tags, police said.

A policeman arrested Grand Dragon Riddlehoover and Exalted Cyclops Grantham when Grantham violated the traffic laws on the North-South Expressway early Friday, officers said.

According to the Associated Press, Lt. V. J. Van Buskirk of the criminal intelligence section of the Sheriff's Department, said the arrest culminated several months of intensive investigation.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-MAIN)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Re Miami airtel with enclosed LHM, dated 10/27/65, captioned "UNITED KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka, United Knights of America, RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN;" Miami teletypes to Bureau, 10/28 and 29/65, captioned "UNITED KLAN OF AMERICA, INC., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN."

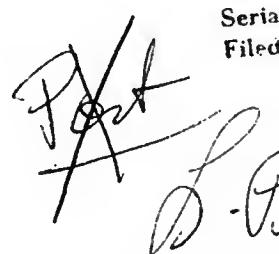
Referenced teletypes set out information regarding activities of the Dade County SO in connection with their arrest of CHARLES (RIP) RIDDLEHOOPER, Grand Dragon, United Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., for carrying a concealed weapon after having been convicted of a felony, and the arrest on a traffic citation of JACK HAROLD GRANTHAM, Exalted Cyclops of the Miami Klavern of the United Klans of America, Inc. At the time of these arrests, considerable Klan material was seized by the Dade County SO, the substance of which is set forth in referenced LHM dated 10/27/65.

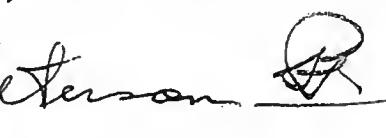
The arrest of these two individuals and the subsequent expose in connection with the material seized, has been the subject of widespread publicity in the South Fla., area, both through the local press as well as television. One station, Channel 7 (WCKT), Miami, has

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devoted considerable time to the Klan activities in South Fla., and contemplates further programs based on the information furnished by the Dade County SO.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 3 copies each of three articles which have appeared in the local Miami papers.

The Miami Division recommends that the Bureau favorably consider making available this material to the House Committee on Un-American Activities, presently conducting hearings regarding Klan activities, with the thought in mind that possibly they would be interested in subpoenaing some of the people who have been exposed in connection with the Dade County arrests.

In this connection, there are also being enclosed two copies of the press release made by the Dade County SO which contains information which would be of considerable interest to the Committee. This press release sets forth the entire list of officers of the new Klan group being formed in Fla., by CHARLES RIDDLEHOOVER. There is little question but that any additional spotlight thrown upon this group would further disrupt their recruiting plans and organizational plans, which are presently in the embryo stage. It is further pointed out that the Dade County SO seized considerable Klan material, which, likewise, would be impressive before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, which would be effective in further combating this group and exposing them to the light of public scrutiny.

In the event the Committee would be interested in the production of such material, it is felt that Lt. L. J. VAN BUSKIRK, Supervisor, Criminal Intelligence Section, Dade County SO, would be willing to, and would make an impressive witness before the Committee.

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The arrest of RIDDLEHOOVER and GRANTHAM has stirred up considerable dissension among the Klan members in South Fla., and it is felt that if, through the Committee, additional light could be focused on this area, it might be sufficient to completely destroy Klan activity in this area.

Information has just been received by the Miami Office that JACK GRANTHAM, the Exalted Cyclops of the Miami Klavern, who was arrested and issued a traffic citation at the time of RIDDLEHOOVER's arrest, is allegedly extremely upset over the chain of events and has indicated he was resigning from all Klan activity. In addition, over the week end he allegedly received a self-inflicted gunshot wound in the left arm, which is currently being investigated by the Dade County SO. The SO contemplates re-arresting GRANTHAM on the same charge RIDDLEHOOVER was arrested on, namely, the possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

The Miami Division is of the opinion that if the above recommended action could be taken, the ability of the Klan to make further inroads in the entire State of Fla., would be materially diminished.

The Miami Division strongly recommends that all or a portion of the above suggestions be favorably considered and implemented.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)

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BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA KLAVERN).

ReBureau airtel to Miami dated 10/22/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy each of articles appearing in the "Fort Lauderdale News" October 4, 1965, and the "Miami Herald", October 5, 1965, concerning this matter.

On October 5, 1965, MILTON J. KELLY, Managing Editor, "Fort Lauderdale News", advised that on October 5, 1965, he was in telephonic contact with BERTON DAUGHERTY, newly elected National Commander, Marine Corps League, Lansing, Michigan, concerning contents of enclosed article which appeared in the "Fort Lauderdale News". DAUGHERTY advised KELLY that based on information contained in this article, he was immediately instituting an investigation into the Broward County Chapter of the Marine Corps League, and of TED TWIST's connection with the Ku Klux Klan.

The "Fort Lauderdale News" article has received widespread circulation, and the contents thereof have already been disclosed on at least one Miami, Florida television station.

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The appearance of this article in the "Ft. Lauderdale News" coincided with other exposés being made by all news media in South Fla., relative to Klan activity, and there is no doubt but what this article will go a long way toward further disrupting Klan operations in Dade and Broward Counties. The Miami Division will continue to closely follow these matters and will report additional tangible results received in connection with this counterintelligence undertaking.

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Ex-Member Calls Klan Subversive

By FORD BURKHART
Of Our Broward Bureau

FORT LAUDERDALE — A young ex-Klan member, who paraded in a borrowed Ku Klux Klan hood and robe last July, Thursday renounced the Klan as "subversive" and "just not for me."

Ted Twist III, 26, who said he was a state official in a Marine Corps veterans organization, said he joined the Klan "to fight communism."

"I didn't like being in the Klan. I saw what it was. And I got out. They haven't bothered me since," Twist said.

Twist said he was a member for "about a month," after their cross-burning rally in North Broward County.

Tavern-operator Twist — who has lived with his wife and four children in Southeast Fort Lauderdale four years — said he couldn't speak for his father and other relatives, who were identified by Dade County Sheriff's Deputies as Klansmen in a statement to the press Thursday.

The Dade deputies said the Twist family men were named in Klan records discovered when they arrested another Klan official on a traffic charge.

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The names of four members of a Ft. Lauderdale family, including a bar operator and a boat captain, are listed in secret Ku Klux Klan documents seized last week by the Dade County sheriff's office.

They are:

Ted Twist III, 26, of 1671 SW 27th Ter., operator of Ted Twist Sports Bar, 1536 Cordova Rd. Ted also is senior vice commandant of the Marine Corps League of Broward County, second highest post in the organization of former Marines.

Ted's father, Edward H. (Ted)

Twist Jr., 43, of 2407 Sugarloaf Lane, a mechanic at Twist Repair Shop, 4451 State Rd. 84.

Ted's uncle, Robert Twist, who is 39 years old today, is listed as captain of a yacht in Ft. Lauderdale.

And Ted's younger brother, Ronald Jeffery Twist, 23, of 3399 SW 17th St., listed as employed at Twist's Repair Shop.

Authorities estimate membership in two Ft. Lauderdale klans at 100. Klansmen here reportedly were meeting on a weekly basis until the national organization came under the scrutiny of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Washington last month.

Robert, whose criminal record began in 1947 when he was charged with armed robbery in Philadelphia, Pa., reportedly registered Imperial Wizard Robert Shelton at a Ft. Lauderdale beach hotel this summer.

SHELTON HERE JULY 3

Shelton came to Ft. Lauderdale to address a KKK rally here July 3, attended by Edward and Ted Twist in full Klan regalia.

The Twists were among several Broward Countians listed in documents confiscated by Dade sheriff's deputies when they picked up C. B. (Rip) Riddlehoover, 31, of 3111 Houston St., Melrose Park.

Riddlehoover, a passenger in a car stopped on a traffic charge on a Miami expressway, was charged with possession of firearms by a convicted felon.

Dade sheriff's deputies said he admitted ownership of a .22-caliber gun found strapped to the car door.

Riddlehoover since has registered with the Broward County sheriff's office. He was convicted of armed robbery and carrying a concealed weapon following an arrest in Atlanta, Ga., in "1952 or 1953," he said.

Robert Twist pleaded guilty to charges of armed robbery in Philadelphia, Oct. 15, 1947, and was sentenced to 2 to 10 years in Eastern State Penitentiary.

He was released in 1948 and given three years probation. He was arrested again in 1956 in Bridgeton, N. J., on charges of desertion and non-support and in Hammonton, N. J., on a worthless check charge.

Edward Jr., who reportedly succeeded his son recently as exalted cyclops of the Ft. Lauderdale klavern, was charged here with assault and battery in a warrant signed by his wife, Catherine Elizabeth, Nov. 3, 1964.

However, on Dec. 3, Mrs. Twist asked that charges be dismissed.

Ted III was charged with assault and battery in a warrant signed by his wife, Helen M., June 14, 1963.

That charge was dropped Aug. 12 at Mrs. Twist's request.

Both charges were filed with the Broward sheriff's office.

Records now being studied by Dade sheriff's investigators listed Riddlehoover as top man in a new Florida Klan organization, in which the only way members could withdraw was "feet first."

Sheriff T. A. Buchanan said secret documents listed "several prominent Broward County businessmen" among the membership.

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TED TWIST JR.

TED TWIST III

... shown in regalia at July Klan rally here

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - DISRUPTION OF
HATE GROUPS (UKA, INC., KKK, BROWARD
COUNTY, FLORIDA KLAVERNS)

Re Miami airtel to Bureau dated 11/5/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four additional newspaper articles concerning captioned matter:

- (1) "Ft. Lauderdale News" article entitled, "Klanzman Quits But Eyed by Marine League", appearing November 5, 1965.
- (2) "The Miami Herald" article entitled "Bomb Scares at Ex-klansman's bar", appearing November 5, 1965.
- (3) "The Miami Herald" article entitled, "Second Klansman May Quit", appearing November 5, 1965.
- (4) "Ft. Lauderdale News", article entitled, "Calls Warn Twist Bar Bomb Target", appearing November 6, 1965.

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As can be seen from enclosed articles, excellent results continue to accrue from the publication from original article in this matter exposing the Twist family as Klansmen.

EDWARD HIRAM TWIST III has claimed to have resigned, from the Klan and his father, EDWARD HIRAM TWIST, Jr., Exaulted Cyclop of Klavern #6, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., stated he is thinking of resigning from the Klan.

On November 8, 1965, MILTON J. KELLY, Managing Editor, "Ft. Lauderdale News", advised that JAMES SPEAR, Commandant, Marine Corps League, Broward County, Fla., advised him that on November 13, 1965, at 3:30 p.m., a special inquiry board will conduct a hearing into the EDWARD HIRAM TWIST III case at which time an expulsion from the Marine Corps League will be considered. According to SPEARS, two Marine Corps League officials from out of town will be at this hearing. KELLY advised that reporters from a newspaper will be present at the hearing and that it will receive full newspaper coverage.

The Bureau will be constantly advised of additional developments in this matter.

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By Marine League

Klansman Quits But Probe Eyed

(Arrests Foreseen—16A)

The National Marine Corps League has ordered an investigation of the Ku Klux Klan activities of one of its Ft. Lauderdale members.

"We will investigate to determine what the facts are," said Burton Daugherty, League national commandant in Lansing, Mich.

Ted Twist III, 26, of 1671 SW 27th Ter., said today he quit the Klan after he found out it was on the subversive list.

"I joined it to fight communism," he said.

Twist was described by Jim Spear, commandant of the Broward Marine Corp League, as one of the organization's best members.

Twist won a League membership drive last year and was cited by the state league, with which he is senior vice commandant. He also is senior vice commandant of the Broward chapter.

He said the League is first in his heart "and I hope to go further (in the organization) if this (Klan publicity) doesn't hurt me."

"This could affect his status," said Spear. "He'll have to give us an explanation."

Operator of Ted Twist Sports Bar, 1536 Cordova Rd., the former Marine corporal, in open-faced Klan hood and tunic, appeared at the July 3 rally here, featuring Klan Imperial Wizard Robert Shelton..

Twist's name, and the names of three members of his family, Edward H. Jr., father; Robert, uncle; and Ronald, brother, were listed in secret Klan records seized last week by the Dade sheriff's office.

EDWARD TWIST JR
HW 1483, Doc ID: 59167462 (Rep) Riddlehoover, 31,
... listed as member

Park, was arrested when the records were seized and charged with possession of a gun by a convicted felon.

Riddlehoover has since registered under the Criminal Registration Act with Sheriff Allen B. Michell. The klansman has lived in Broward six years.

Michell has come under fire of the National Assn. For the Advancement of Colored People. The sheriff said he will not answer the NAACP's written complaint that he has failed to "investigate and expose the Klan."

The complaint was contained in a letter signed by Samuel W. George, president of the Broward NAACP chapter.

"As long as any group, I don't care who it is, participates in a lawful and orderly assembly, we can't do anything and won't, but if they violate the law, we will step in," said Michell.

Authorities estimate Klan membership in two Ft. Lauderdale Klaverns at 100.

Their meetings recently have become infrequent because of Congressional hearings of the national Klan now under way in Washington.

Riddlehoover and Robert Twist have been convicted of armed robbery.

Seized records show Riddlehoover as top man in a new Florida branch of the Klan, which decrees the only way a member can withdraw is "feet first."

Ex-Marine Ted Twist said he has received no pressure from his family to stay in the organization. "What they do is their business."

His father, Edward, declined to discuss his son's withdrawal over the phone or his own status.

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Calls Warn Twist's Bar Bomb Target

Four threatening telephone calls sent police to the Ted Twist Sports Bar, 1536 Cordova Rd., to check out bomb reports Friday.

"In 15 minutes a bomb will go off in Ted Twist Sports Bar," a male caller told police. A few minutes later, a caller, apparently the same man, warned officers at the desk the bomb would explode "in five minutes."

Two other threatening calls also were received by the bar operator yesterday, Lt. Jack Miller said.

Police checked out the reports but found nothing.

The caller sounded like a "White male about 20 years old," police said.

Ted Twist III, 26, operator of the bar, was among Ft. Lauderdale residents listed in Ku Klux Klan documents confiscated by the Dade County Sheriff's office last week. Twist said yesterday he quit the klan after he found out it was on the subversive list.

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Bomb Scares Reported At Ex-Klansman's Bar

FORT LAUDERDALE — A bomb scare hit the Ted Twist Sports Bar Friday just a day after it was publicized that Twist's name was on a secret Ku Klux Klan document.

Police report two bomb scare calls came to Fort Lauderdale headquarters from a "soft-voiced male" around 6:30 p.m. The caller said a bomb in the Sports Bar, 1536 Cordova Road, would go off in 15 minutes.

Det. Lt. Ed Miller said the bar was called and the barmaid was advised to clear patrons until a search was made. The search was negative, Miller said.

Police reports say two calls were made to the bar itself. The caller was reportedly a soft-voiced male.

Twist, 26, of 1671 SW 27th Ter., was named by Dade County sheriff's officials as being listed on a secret KKK document confiscated last week when a Klan official was arrested.

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Thieves Leave Jewels Behind

FORT LAUDERDALE — Sheriff's detectives are looking for discriminating thieves who broke into a Pompano Beach widow's home and selected \$14,195 worth of fine jewelry.

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Second Klansman May Quit

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MiORT LAUDERDALE — A second local Klansman named in Ku Klux Klan documents as a member may quit the Klan.

Edward H. Twist Jr., of 2407 Sugarloaf Lane, said, "I've been thinking about turning in my resignation to the Klan for three weeks."

He would not give any reasons for wanting to quit.

But he said he did not

share the thinking of his son, Edward Twist III, who told The Herald he quit the Klan because it was "subversive."

"Everybody has their own reasons. He has his — I've got my own," said the elder Twist.

Father and son were part of a list of Klansmen released by the Dade County Sheriff's office recently. The list was part of a file of Klan documents seized when

Dade deputies arrested a state Klan official on a traffic charge.

Edward Twist III, who runs a tavern, and auto repair shop and an auto sales lot on the west side said he joined the Klan just before a local rally in June and quit a few days later.

"I saw what it was. And I got out. They haven't bothered me since." The younger Klansman told The Herald.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Miami (157-1114)

FROM : Director, FBI (157-9-29)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

DATE: 11/8/65

ReMMairtel 11/1/65 suggesting copies of newspaper articles and a press release of the Dade County Sheriff's Office relating to Ku Klux Klan activities in Southern Florida be made available to the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA). Reairtel also indicated it might be suggested to the HCUA that a representative of the Dade County Sheriff's Office would make an excellent witness before the Committee.

The material you have submitted is not being furnished to the HCUA as it is public source in nature and because this Bureau is not making recommendations to the HCUA relating to witnesses except in instances where the security of an informant is involved.

Your interest in submitting this suggestion is appreciated and you should remain alert to recommend additional counterintelligence recommendations to capitalize upon the adverse publicity currently being afforded the Klan in the Southern Florida area.



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Former Klansman Voted Reprimand

Twist Hearing Closed

By PATTY MUMMERT
(Staff Writer)

Fellow Marines Saturday recommended Ted Twist III be reprimanded by the national board, for his one-time affiliation with the Ku Klux Klan.

A five-man state board, in a closed hearing, interrogated Twist, second highest officer in the county and state Marine Corps Leagues, and said they felt he should be reprimanded but not drummed out of the League.

In a prepared statement issued at the end of a 2½-hour private hearing, C. H. (Blackie) Downing, St. Petersburg, national vice commandant, southeast division, said:

"Ted Twist is a human being and therefore is not infallible. He did make a mistake, but he found out long before the Marine Corps League was notified along with the public by the news media of his membership in the Klan.

"The Marine Corps League is not in any manner, shape or form connected with Mr. Ku, Mr. Klux or Mr. Klan, or with any other group whose constitution is not in full accord with our constitution and by-laws.

"Full details of this investigation will be presented to the national staff with the recommendation that he be reprimanded for his errors.

"We do not feel he should be drummed out of the Marine Corps League because of one error."

RECOMMENDATION

The recommendation will be forwarded to the national commandant and acted upon by a national board at a Washington meeting next Feb. 4-6.

There is no indication the national board will follow the recommendation of the state group, Jim Spears, commander of the Broward County Detachment and member of the inquiry board, said.

"There are three possible alternatives the national board could take," according to Spears.

"They could eliminate him from membership, they could take no action or they might place him on probation."

Twist, 26, operator of Ted Twist Sports Bar, 1536 Cordova Rd., appeared relaxed and composed as he greeted fellow ex-Marines outside the League headquarters, 521 S. Federal Hwy., before the Saturday afternoon hearing.

He said he joined the Klan in "late June and remained a member about one month but did not hold any office.

He attended a Klan rally in Ft. Lauderdale July 3 wearing the group's "uniform," a white robe and hood.

Names of Twist, his younger brother, Ronald; his father, Edward Jr., and his uncle, Robert, all of Ft. Lauderdale, appeared in secret documents seized by Dade County sheriff's deputies when they picked up C. B. Riddlehoover, 3111 Houston St., Melrose Park, self-proclaimed grand dragon of a new Klan group, in Miami in October.

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TED TWIST III, RIGHT, WITH DEJECTED EXPRESSION
... Marine League officers Downing, left, Spears, center

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AIRTEL

REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - DISRUPTION OF
HATE GROUPS (UKA, INC., KKKK, BROWARD
COUNTY, FLORIDA KLAVERNS)

Enclosed for the Bureau are 2 copies of
"Ft. Lauderdale News" article entitled, "Former Klansman
Voted Reprimand."

With the appearance of numerous newspaper articles
exposing Klan activities in the South Fla. area, and because
of them; it has been ascertained from racial informants that
all Klan meetings in Dade and Broward Counties (4 Klaverns)
have been discontinued indefinitely.

If and when these meetings are resumed, it is
expected that Klan membership and attendance will have
decreased considerably.

According to FOIA(b)(7) - (D), EDWARD HIRAM TWIST,
JR., Exalted Cyclops of Klavern #4, at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.,
has stated that he expects this "Klavern will fall apart"
because of the adverse publicity the Klan has received
in the press.

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The Miami Division feels that this counter-intelligence undertaking has been most productive and has certainly greatly assisted in the complete disruption of Klan activities in the Dade and Broward County areas.

This Office will remain alert for other opportunities in which recommendations under this Program can be made.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-3781)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1339)(P)
CHARLES BAKER RIDDLECOOPER, Aka
SM (KLAB)
CC: MIAMI

Re Atlanta airtel to Miami 11/2/68.

Records of the USN, Military Records Center, St. Louis, Mo., disclosed subject's mother is RUBY IVANCOVICH (deceased), and his step-father is SAM P. IVANCOVICH, 407 Angier Pl., NE, Atlanta, Ga. (1952).

In view subject's position as Grand Dragon of the UNKK, a violently anti-semitic and anti-foreign organization, it would probably prove highly embarrassing to him if it became public knowledge that his mother was of Russian or Jewish origin, if that be the case.

Atlanta requested conduct thorough background investigation of subject's mother and step-father to determine their ethnic background for possible use under the counter-intelligence program.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-514)

DATE: 12/10/65

FROM : SA WILLIAM D. NEUMANN

SUBJECT: UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
RM (KLAN)

OO: Birmingham

Attached to each copy of this memorandum is
one copy of FD 302 interview of EDWARD HIRAM TWIST III, the
contents of which concerns files to which this memorandum
is designated.

SA WILLIAM D. NEUMANN

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EDWARD HIRAM TWIST, III was interviewed at the Ft. Lauderdale, Florida Resident Agency of the FBI. At the outset of this interview, TWIST was advised that he did not have to make any statement and that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. Identities of the agents were made known to TWIST and he was advised by SA WILLIAM D. HERMANN that he had the right to talk to a lawyer of his own choice or to anyone else before saying anything at all.

EDWARD HIRAM TWIST, III, who resides at 1621 SW 27th Terrace, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and was born February 10, 1939, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, advised that he is the owner of TED TWIST's Sport Bar, 1536 Cordova Road, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

TWIST stated he voluntarily came to the FBI Office in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida because he wanted to get something "off his chest." He stated that he was recently the subject of widespread publicity in the newspapers and on television because of his membership in the United Klans of America, Incorporated, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. This publicity, according to TWIST, has not serious effected his bar business, however, it has resulted in embarrassment and mental suffering for his wife and has adversely effected his family. It has also seriously damaged his reputation in the Marine Corps League of which he is a state and Broward County Officer.

TWIST stated that he wanted the FBI to know that he had completely severed all relations with the Ku Klux Klan, that he does not support Klan activity, is opposed to

On 11/26/65 at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida File # 101 157-1361

by SAs WILLIAM D. HERMANN & DENNIS J. O'SHEA:cs Date dictated 11/30/65

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violence and has used his persuasive powers to discourage his father, EDWARD HIRAM TWIST, JR., and his brother, RONALD JEFFERY TWIST to discontinue their Klan connections.

TWIST stated he believed that his younger brother, RONALD, has or will shortly quit the Klan and he does not know what steps his father will take, however, he noted that his father, since the publication of articles exposing the TWISTS as Klan members, has been extremely nervous and has been suffering from ulcer attacks. He stated that his uncle, ROBERT TWIST, Master of WILLIAM H. KIRKMAN's yacht, is currently sailing the Caribbean and TWIST has not had an opportunity to speak to him.

TWIST traced his Klan history from early May, 1965, when he was approached to join the Klan by CHARLES BAKER BIDDLECOOK, also known as "RIP", a truck driver who delivered beer at TWIST's bar. Subsequently, he and other individuals in Ft. Lauderdale, were sworn in as Klan member in an open shed in Holiday Park, Ft. Lauderdale. TWIST could not recall the identity of the individual who swore him in at the Klan meeting.

Early meetings of the Klan Klavern in Ft. Lauderdale, were held in Kathy's White Kitchen Restaurant, which restaurant was owned by fellow Klansman GEORGE E. BOYD. This restaurant was located on North Andrews Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Later on, meetings of the Klan were held in the Broward Building Supply Warehouse on Powerline Road in Ft. Lauderdale.

TWIST explained that originally there was one Klavern in Ft. Lauderdale, and this Klavern split into two Klaverns, one for the north side of town and one for the south side of town. At the time of the split, TWIST stated that he himself became Exalted Cyclops of the southside Klavern, also known as Klavern #4. In the capacity of Exalted Cyclops, TWIST conducted meetings, but stated that he did not really know what was going on and conducted the meetings according to rules set forth in a book furnished to him.

He stated that at none of the meetings had he ever heard any talk of violence or the advocacy of violence.

He stated that at none of the meetings did he ever see anyone armed with guns. He stated that he personally does not own a gun.

Upon further questioning, TWIST admitted that he recalls that certain Klansmen were talking about sending a threatening letter to a girl who lived in Ft. Lauderdale, and allegedly had dated a Negro. TWIST stated then, that he recalled that he, TOM RIDDLE and other Klansmen, went to a drugstore on Prospect Road, Ft. Lauderdale, where the same girl was having breakfast and threats were made against her at that time if she continued to date Negroes.

Under questioning, TWIST also admitted that his uncle, Captain ROBERT M. TWIST has guns in his possession, however, TWIST stated he did not know what type guns or where they were stored. He stated that it would not surprise him if THOMAS EARL RIDDLE and "RIP" RIDDLE ever did engage in violence.

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TWIST stated that after attending the Klan Rally at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, on July 3, 1965, he became tired of the continual reference to Negroes as "niggers" and the disparaging remarks at Klan meetings.

He added that sometime in August or September, 1965, he resigned his position as Exalted Cyclops of Klavern #4 and discontinued attending meetings of the United Klans of America.

In response to specific questions regarding cross burnings in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, TWIST stated that he had no knowledge of these cross burnings and stated that he recently gave \$5 to TOM RIDDLE for the "KLP" RIDDLEDOVER Defense Fund. He stated he was asked to make this donation because of the friendship that exists between RIDDLE and him.

Concerning one of four Klansmen who attended the rally in Ft. Lauderdale on July 3, 1965, TWIST stated that the only one he could recall that was armed with a gun was the Grand Dragon from North Carolina, BOB JONES, who had a rifle strapped to the inside of the driver's door on his automobile.

TWIST denied that his bar was used as a recruiting station for Klansmen, however, he did admit that Klansmen do hangout in his bar and it makes him "nervous," especially when they are wearing Klan insignia tie clips.

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In conclusion TWIST stated that he would help the FBI in any way possible. He stated he would continue to dissuade his father and other relatives from continuing in Klan activities.

It is noted that TWIST's physical description is as follows:

Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Age:	About 27
Weight:	190
Height:	5'11"

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From: Director, FBI (157-9-MAIN)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(REVEREND CHARLES CONLEY LYNCH, AKA)

ReLairtel captioned "Connie Charles Lynch, RM," dated 12/2/65.

Lynch, commonly known as Connie Lynch is a leading national speaker for the National States Rights Party (NSRP) and other hate-type groups. Lynch apparently is unemployed at present and presumably receives some form of compensation for his speaking efforts. He has at times reportedly been a member of the NSRP and Klan groups; however, Bufiles do not reveal a continuing membership for Lynch in any of the hate-type organizations.

He has advocated the use of violence against minority groups and has been convicted of assault with a deadly weapon.

Lynch again came to the attention of the Bureau regarding threats to FBI personnel when, during a speech on 10/28/65 at Natchez, Mississippi, he referred to FBI Agents as

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"Nigger babysitters" and "haters of all white men." He is alleged to have said he would kill FBI Agents or anyone else if they molest his family or employees. During an interview on 9/28/65 by Bureau Agents for a similar comment, Lynch denied making any such statement but was hostile to the Agents.

It is pointed out that while Lynch may not currently have a hate group organizational affiliation, he is a very prominent hate group personality and has been very successful in stirring up violence in the past. For this reason, counter-intelligence measures taken against him should be conducted as though he were one of the leading officials of a group such as the NSRP or the Klan.

Lynch's automobile bears a California registration and he was last known to reside there. He follows a peripatetic way of life and may appear at any place throughout the country.

For the information of all offices receiving this airtel it is to be noted that although Lynch drives a 1953 Cadillac, four-door sedan, white over pink, bearing 1965 California license plate number LXX 891, he does not have a valid California drivers license, his license having been suspended by the State of California effective 3/5/63. Operator's license number Z405029 has not been surrendered or reinstated.

The Bureau desires that offices in whose territory he may appear be alert to advise the Bureau immediately, with a recommendation as to a reliable law enforcement agency which can be advised he is driving without a valid license and which can be relied upon to take appropriate action without revealing the Bureau's interest.

The Los Angeles Office is further instructed to be alert to immediately advise the Bureau and interested offices in the event Lynch's drivers license is reinstated by the State of California.

This information is being sent to the designated offices inasmuch as Lynch has visited those areas in the past, is scheduled to visit these areas or is likely to visit these areas.

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-Main)

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Re Miami letter to Bureau, 9/24/65.

Status Letter

1. Potential Counterintelligence Action

- (a) Three klaverns of the UKA, Inc., are presently active in Broward County.
- (b) Several former members of the UKA are attempting to organize the UKKKK, a splinter group of the UKA in Broward County, Florida.
- (c) A chapter of the NSRP was recently formed in Winter Beach, Florida.

2. Pending Counterintelligence Action

None.

3. Tangible Results

Bureau authority was granted October 22, 1965, to furnish information to the Managing Editor of the "Ft. Lauderdale News" regarding EDWARD HIRAM TWIST, III, who had been elected as Senior Vice Commandant of the Broward County Chapter of the Marine Corps League. Release of this information to the newspaper resulted in several articles detrimental to the klan in Broward County, Florida, and was

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partly responsible for curtailing klan activity in the UKA in Broward County during November and December, 1965. In addition, the Marine Corps League held a hearing concerning TWIST's association in the klan, and he was reprimanded by the League. On November 26, 1965, TWIST contacted the FBI in Ft. Lauderdale, advising that publicity has resulted in embarrassment and mental suffering for his wife and has adversely affected his family. It also seriously damaged his reputation in the Marine Corps League. He stated he wanted the FBI to know that he had completely severed all relations with the klan and does not support the klan activity.

In addition, this counterintelligence action also affected three other members of the TWIST family, who were prominent in klan activities in Ft. Lauderdale.

Informants have recently reported that TWIST is now contacting klan members in Broward County and encouraging them to get out of the klan.

Although the following was not suggested as counterintelligence action, it has been extremely valuable in curtailing klan activity in South Florida. This relates to police cooperation concerning leaders of the klan with felony records. In this regard, the Dade County Sheriff's Office was furnished information that Assistant Grand Dragon CHARLES RIDDLEHOOVER was a convicted felon in the State of Georgia, and based on information from informants it was learned RIDDLEHOOVER had a firearm in his possession. Based on information from informants, the Dade County Sheriff's Office instituted investigation regarding the klan in Dade County. RIDDLEHOOVER was arrested in Dade County on October 28, 1965, at which time he had a revolver in his possession, and was charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. This resulted in considerable publicity regarding RIDDLEHOOVER and the klan operation in South Florida. The adverse publicity has completely stopped klan activity in Dade County and during November and the first part of December, klan meetings in Broward County were temporarily discontinued. RIDDLEHOOVER is expected to stand trial in local court early in 1966, and if convicted, can receive as much as 10 years on local charges.

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4. Miscellaneous

None.

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Director, FBI (157-9-29)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(ROBERT MILTON TWIST)

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You are requested to submit recommendations for counterintelligence action against Twist.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Miami (157-1114)

DATE: 1/7/66

FROM : Director, FBI (157-9-29)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-929)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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(ROBERT MILTON TWIST)

RE: Bureau letter to Miami, 1/7/66.

Recommendations for counterintelligence action against ROBERT MILTON TWIST will be submitted as part of an overall counterintelligence measure against the Klan of South Florida.

Plans presently being considered by the Miami Office and will be submitted to the Bureau for approval in the near future.

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Memorandum

TO : **SAC, MIAMI**

FROM :

SUBJECT: **SA WILLIAM D. NEUMANN**

DATE: **1/19/66**

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM DISRUPTION OF HATE TYPE ORGANIZATIONS RM

With the end in mind of disrupting Klan activities at the newly acquired Klan building, 232 SW 30th St., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., where Klan meetings for the Klaverns #4 and #6, Ft. Lauderdale, and the Davie Klavern, meet on weekly basis, the following conversation was had with J. LESTER HOLT, Chief of Police, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.:

The building located at 232 SW 30th St., is located within the city limits of Ft. Lauderdale. It is the last building on the south side of 30th St., going west, which is a deadend street.

The various Klaverns and Women's Auxiliary meet on various nights at this building.

On occasion the various Klaverns have a joint meeting when of course, the majority of Klansmen in Broward County are in attendance.

Chief HOLT stated that at a time designated by this Bureau, he will set up a road block at the intersection of 30th St., and SW 2nd Ave., for the purpose of checking license registration and the proper operation of vehicles operated on that street. This could be done at the time

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a joint Klan meeting is being held in this building. Chief HOLT further stated that this could be done without the FBI in any way being involved and he would, if we so desired, make contacts himself with local press and TV representatives to have this road block given full press coverage.

The above counterintelligence maneuver is not being suggested to the Bureau at this time for Bureau authority to effect same, however, it will be submitted in connection with other contemplated counterintelligence actions against the Klan being considered by the Miami Office at this time.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UKA, INC., KKK, SOUTH FLORIDA)

Re Bureau letter to Miami, 1/7/66 and Miami
airtel to Bureau, 1/12/66.

The Miami Office submits the following separate,
but coordinate, suggestions for disruption of the UKA in
this Division, for the Bureau's consideration and approval:

I. Klan Building

Broward County, Fla., Klaverns (#4 and #6 at Ft.
Lauderdale and the Davie Klavern at Davie, Fla.) recently
purchased the building located at 232 SW 30th St., Ft.
Lauderdale, in the name of Seaway Engineering, Inc.

Negotiations for the purchase of the building were
conducted by Klan officials, DANIEL J. ZBIN and SAMUEL R.
MC BROOM. Klan ownership of this building is not known to
the press or public.

The 3 Klaverns mentioned above, as well as the
Women's Auxiliary of the UKA, meet on alternate nights at
the building. In addition, Klan social functions and
occasionally joint meetings of all Broward County Klaverns

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are held there. This building is located in an industrial type neighborhood adjacent to the Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport within the city limits of Ft. Lauderdale. The Klan building is the last edifice on the south side of a dead-end street where no private residences are located. The only means of ingress or egress by automobile is by SW 2nd Avenue.

J. LESTER HOLT, NA, Chief of Police, Ft. Lauderdale PD, a trusted friend of the Bureau, has advised that he will be able to set up a roadblock for the purpose of checking operator's licenses and proper functioning of automobiles at the intersection of SW 30th St. and SW 2nd Ave., at short notice any time the FBI desires. HOLT could effect this roadblock without disclosing Bureau interest. HOLT also advises he can arrange TV and press participation in order to effect photographic coverage of the roadblock.

The Miami Office can confidentially advise MILTON J. KELLY, Managing Editor of the "Ft. Lauderdale News," whose reliability is already known to the Bureau and who has in the past assisted in the Counterintelligence Program, of the location of this building and that the legal owner, Seaway Engineering, Inc., is a front for the KKK.

Bureau authority is requested to disclose the last mentioned item to KELLY and to inform HOLT, after a joint meeting of all Klaverns is commenced in the Klan building, that the opportune time has arrived to set up the roadblock. By necessity, the timing of such an operation will be dictated by receipt of information from Klan informants whose protection, interest and concealment will be paramount.

Miami knows from information received from confidential sources that the Klan is having difficulty meeting mortgage payments on this building, due to the drop off in Klan members and corresponding decrease in income from dues, etc. The harassment type tactics submitted above will undoubtedly result in further loss of members and possibly may drive the Seaway Engineering, Inc., into bankruptcy and foreclosure of the Klan building.

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II. Special TV Program
WCFT Channel 7
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(NBC Affiliate)

GENE STRUHL, News Director, WCFT TV Station, Miami, who is an established source and has cooperated with the Bureau in the past and can be relied upon to keep the identity of the Bureau confidential, has previously made known to the Miami Office that he is interested in preparing a special one-hour program exposing Klan activity in the Greater Miami area, including Broward County. This would be a sequel to a program produced by WCFT in mid-1965, concerning Klan and hate-type activities throughout the State of Fla.

WCFT has in its possession several filmed episodes of the UKA rally at Ft. Lauderdale in 1965, as well as a film interview with CHARLES B. RIDDLEHOOVER, Grand Dragon of the UKA of the KKK, at the time of his arrest in Dade County, Fla., on charges of possession of a concealed weapon by a convicted felon. STRUHL, through his connections with the Dade County SO, also has access to certain Klan documents found in RIDDLEHOOVER's possession at the time of his arrest. Among these documents is a list of names of UKA members and supporters, not identified as such, residing in the South Fla. area. The significance of this list is unknown to STRUHL.

The Miami Office proposes that STRUHL be confidentially contacted and informed of the existence of 3 Klaverns presently operative within the Miami Division. It is also recommended that the Bureau authorize the Miami Office to assist STRUHL in the preparation of his proposed program along the strictly limited lines set forth hereafter.

→ A. ROBERT MILTON TWIST

Re Bureau letter to Miami, 1/7/66.

The Bureau is well aware of the activities of ROBERT MILTON TWIST, Yacht Captain and employee of millionaire WILLIAM H. KINNUCAN, owner of the Marlin Beach Hotel in Ft. Lauderdale, as set forth in Miami airtel of 9/28/65.

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Under a counterintelligence measure successfully executed by the Miami Office last year, TWIST was identified in a local newspaper as a Klan member and a convicted felon. His criminal record was set forth in detail in this article, which is now public source material.

TWIST's name, as well as WILLIAM H. KINNUCAN's, appeared in the list of names found in RIDDLEHOOVER's possession, which information is available to WCKT.

What is not known to WCKT is the following information obtained from Klan informants:

(1) During the UKA rally in Ft. Lauderdale, Imperial Wizard ROBERT M. SHELTON was a registered guest at KINNUCAN's hotel and his stay here was arranged by TWIST.

(2) WILLIAM H. KINNUCAN's name appeared on RIDDLEHOOVER's list because he signed a UKA membership application card and other Klan documents furnished him by TWIST, while KINNUCAN was under the influence of alcohol. KINNUCAN later sought unsuccessfully to have these documents returned to him.

(3) After TWIST's criminal record and his connection with the Klan were exposed in the newspaper, KINNUCAN still failed to discharge TWIST from his employment.

Miami recommends that GENE STRUHL, WCKT, confidentially be advised of SHELTON's stay at the Marlin Beach Hotel and the circumstances surrounding his stay. STRUHL will be advised that KINNUCAN is TWIST's employer, that KINNUCAN's name appears on the list available to WCKT, and that KINNUCAN owns the Marlin Beach Hotel.

Based on the above information, WCKT may desire to conduct filmed interviews of KINNUCAN and TWIST and perhaps the manager of the Marlin Beach Hotel, for inclusion in the proposed TV program.

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Indices of the Miami Office contain no derogatory information concerning GENE STRUHL. Miami feels certain it can initiate the above recommendations without any danger of embarrassment to the Bureau and without disclosing Bureau interest therein.

It is pointed out that the UKA in Fla. is currently in a reorganization status under the administration of the Imperial Board of the UKA. During the reorganization period, a strenuous recruitment drive, including the scheduling of Klan rallies throughout the state, is being planned.

Miami expects that the counterintelligence program suggested above will, at the very least, curtail Klan membership and thwart Klan recruitment activities, and at the most, result in the disruption of the Klan in South Fla.

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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Twist Reprimand Upheled By League

The National Marine Corps League yesterday upheld a reprimand against Ted Twist III, senior vice commander and second highest officer in Broward County, for his brief, one-time affiliation with the Ku Klux Klan.

In Washington Burton P. Daugherty Jr., national commander of the league, said a conference had just been completed in which the Twist matter had been turned over to a committee of five past national commanders.

"They recommended to the national board of directors that this reprimand by the Florida department of the league be upheld," he said.

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"They noted in passing that the Ku Klux Klan is now being investigated by Congress but has not been placed on the subversive list.

"They further noted that when Ted Twist joined the Ku Klux Klan he got out and that was only for a period of six weeks, as I recall."

Daugherty, who comes from East Lansing, Mich., further stated his personal opinion of

such organizations as the KKK.

"I'm a northerner. We don't want to have this kind of outfit in our organization."

On Nov. 14, 1965, the state Marine Corps League issued a statement after a closed hearing in which they said they felt Twist should be reprimanded but not drummed out of the league.

C. H. (Blackie) Downing of St. Petersburg, national vice commandant, southeastern division, said:

"Ted Twist is a human be-

ing and therefore is not infallible. He did make a mistake but he found this out long before the Marine Corps League was notified along with the public by the news media of his membership in the Klan."

It was further declared that full details of the investigation be presented to the national staff and that Twist be reprimanded for his error.

Early in November Twist had renounced the Klan as "subversive" and "not for me."

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Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

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COUNTER INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UKA, BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
KLAVERNS)

Re Bureau airtel, 10/22/65 and Miami airtel
to Bureau, 11/5/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 2 copies of a news-
paper clipping from the "Ft. Lauderdale News," Ft.
Lauderdale, Florida, dated February 8, 1966.

This article reports the National Marine Corps
League upheld a reprimand against TED TWIST, III, for his
affiliation with the KKK.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Miami (157-1114)

DATE: 2/15/66

FROM : Director, FBI (157-9-29)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UKA, INC., KKK, SOUTH FLORIDA)

ReMMairtel 1/24/66 captioned as above.

The interest which prompted you to submit the numerous counterintelligence recommendations, set forth in referenced airtel, is appreciated.

You are authorized to inform J. Lester Holt, NA, Chief of Police, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Police Department, as soon as practical, of the date and time of the next joint meeting of the Broward County and Davie, Florida, Klaverns, United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA), to be held at the Klan building, 232 Southwest 30th Street, Ft. Lauderdale.

Accept Holt's voluntary offer to establish a motor vehicle inspection roadblock in a strategic position in the area of 232 Southwest 30th Street, Ft. Lauderdale, after the next previously-described joint Klan meeting convenes.

Television coverage of this roadblock is not desired, as such coverage would detract from the accidental quality of the contemplated counterintelligence tactic.

Inform Holt that any press coverage that he may desire to arrange subsequent to the roadblock, however, would be most beneficial. Suggest to Holt that he might consider a press release indicating that a routine motor vehicle inspection roadblock nets the Ku Klux Klan (KKK). This could be followed by a listing of those individuals whose vehicles were found to be defective or whose operator's licenses were not valid.

Caution Holt to remain alert for any unlawfully possessed firearms, obviously in the possession of Klan people who come under the scrutiny of the planned roadblock.

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You are also authorized to confidentially alert Milton J. Kelly, Managing Editor, "Ft. Lauderdale News;" that the building located at 232 Southwest 30th Street, Ft. Lauderdale, is utilized for Klan activities. Also inform Kelly that the legal owner of that building is the Seaway Engineering Company, Inc., and that the purchase of that building was negotiated by Klan officials.

Request that Kelly afford publicity to the existence of the Klan meeting place. Alert Kelly to these factors no sooner than 24 hours following the successful motor vehicle inspection blockade described in this communication. Handled in this manner, the public view of the Klan will be sustained.

Relative to your recommendation that the Miami Office assist Gene Struhal, News Director, WCKT TV Station, Channel Seven, Miami, Florida, in the preparation of his proposed one-hour program exposing Klan activity in the greater Miami area, you are authorized to take the following action:

Alert Struhal to the fact that three Klan klaverns are presently operational in the greater Miami area.

Inform Struhal that Robert Milton Twist, a member of the UKA, is employed by millionaire William H. Kinnucan, owner of the Marlin Beach Hotel in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Underscore the fact that Twist was publicly identified during 1965 as a Klan member and a convicted felon.

In this reference, alert Struhal to the fact that Imperial Wizard Robert M. Shelton has been a guest at Kinnucan's hotel, which arrangements were made by Twist.

Suggest to Struhal that in connection with the preparation of his one-hour expose program, he may desire to conduct filmed interviews of Kinnacun, Twist, or the Manager of the Marlin Beach Hotel.

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Letter to Miami
RE:- COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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Concerning your contacts authorized with J. Lester Holt, Chief of Police, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; Milton J. Kelly, Managing Editor of the "Ft. Lauderdale News;" and Gene Struhal, News Director, WCKT TV, insure these gentlemen understand that the FBI interests in each instance must be protected.

Miami keep the Bureau advised of tangible results achieved.

2/18/66

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UKA, INC., KKK, SOUTH FLORIDA)

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BOWMAN explained that when sufficient members were recruited, Klan officials from other states visited the Broward County group and the mask of respectability was removed. Convicted felons were welcomed into the organization and remarks like, "We can make bombs ourselves if we have to..." and "We're non-violent, but we can be pushed just so far" entered into leadership discussions.

All dues collected eventually ended in RIDDLEHOOVER's possession and no accountability of them was made. RIDDLEHOOVER, who had lost his job and was unemployed, purchased a new car and generally conducted himself as if he were affluent.

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BOWMAN specifically stated he was more than willing to be interviewed by press or TV representatives.

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It was the opinion of the interviewing agents that BOWMAN's appearance, speech and personal conduct were outstanding. He expresses himself well and would make an excellent witness to the events he relates.

BOWMAN was unconcerned about Klan reprisals stating, "I can take care of myself."

The tangible results that can be obtained as a result of BOWMAN's appearance on TV are as follows:

1. Discourage new members from joining the Klan.
2. Acquaint the public of the type of individuals who associate themselves with the Klan.
3. Overall disrupting affect and deterrent to current Klan members.

Bureau authority is requested to contact GENE STRUHL regarding availability of BOWMAN for interview. If Bureau grants this authority, Miami will keep Bureau advised of STRUHL's progress with BOWMAN.

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3/9/66

A I R T E L

TO: SAC, ATLANTA (157-1140)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1339) (P)
RE: CHARLES BAKER RIDDLEHOOVER, aka
RM (KLAN)
(OO - Miami)

Re Miami airtel to Bureau, dated 12/13/65 with copy for Atlanta, requesting Atlanta to conduct background investigation on subject's mother and step-father to determine their ethnic background.

Atlanta advise status of above investigation.
Please expedite.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Miami (157-1114)

DATE: 3/2/66

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (157-9-29)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UKA, INC., KKK, SOUTH FLORIDA)

ReMMairtel 2/18/66 captioned as above.

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In view of this, your recommendation is being returned for further study and development in order to attain maximum impact from Bowman's knowledge and to lend a like degree of protection to the interests of those involved.

Consider Bowman's possible appearance in the previously-described TV exposé dressed in full Klan regalia and mask. The taped interview of Bowman could also be conducted in such a manner as to effect a substantial change in the tonal qualities of his voice.

Maximum protection having been afforded Bowman's identity, the interview of Bowman by WCKT, TV, could be conducted, not only to fully exploit Bowman's knowledge of past Klan activities, but also to create the illusion that he is currently active in Klan activities conducted in the Miami area.

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RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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In addition to Bowman's revelations concerning the activities of others, he could emphasize the fact that his identity is concealed due to fear of retaliation from the Klan. Bowman could equate the Ku Klux Klan with the "Ku Klux Cong," underscoring the observation that while the United States is involved in a great test in Vietnam, the Ku Klux Klan disrupts domestic tranquility and thereby lends aid and comfort to the Viet Cong.

Bowman could also be carefully coached regarding public source information relating to the appearance of Klan key figures before the HCUA. Bowman could bring out in his interview the cowardly and common qualities possessed by Klan key figures, top hoodlums and CP functionaries who have testified before the HCUA. This comparison could be achieved by highlighting the identity of Klan key figures who have invoked the Fifth Amendment at HCUA hearings and Bowman's knowledge of the Klan propensity for violence.

The conclusion of the TV interview with Bowman could leave the distinct impression that Bowman would be most willing to appear on WCKT, TV, periodically, in order to keep the public currently informed regarding Klan activities in the Miami, Florida, area.

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Miami consider this Bureau innovation and submit your recommendations and observations. Your response should be accompanied by the WCKT, TV, deadline for the preparation of their program, specific details as to the exact subject matter to be covered by Bowman,

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Miami take no specific steps in this matter, other than outlined in this communication, without prior Bureau authority.

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From: Director, FBI

COUNTER INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM - KLAN RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Counterintelligence Program, Internal Security
Disruption of Hate Groups
157-1114*

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The Bureau is contemplating a program of mailing anonymous communications to individuals who have been identified as klansmen. Each office receiving this communication advise by return airtel the approximate total number of individuals within its division who have been identified as klansmen and for whom the office has a business or residence address.

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AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM - KLAN
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta, 3/7/66.

There are approximately 80 individuals within the Miami Division who have been identified as Klansmen for whom the Miami Office has a business or residence address. At the present time, approximately 20 of these individuals are inactive.

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UKA, INC., KKK, SOUTH FLORIDA)

Re Bureau letter to Miami 3/2/66, captioned as
above.

In view of the added ramifications inherent in the incorporation of the Bureau's excellent recommendations in the proposed TV interview of GEORGE ELMER BOWMAN, the Miami Office feels this would be the opportune time to enter into preliminary discussions with GENE STRUHL of WCKT TV.

It will not be necessary at this stage to disclose BOWMAN's identity to STRUHL, however, he can be advised of the fact that a disillusioned Klansman may be willing to be interviewed for a TV program.

STRUHL's feelings concerning possible reprisals vs. the Klansman; his appearance in full Klan regalia; the technicalities in producing the program, and the deadline date for preparation of same can be discussed.

When these matters are resolved, Miami can re-interview BOWMAN for the purpose of coaching him and detailing for him the exact subject matter to be discussed.

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Bureau authority requested to institute preliminary negotiations with STRUHL.

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Date March 21, 1966

RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
 INTERNAL SECURITY
 DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

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The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, conceal all sources, paraphrase contents.

Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____.

Remarks:

ReMMairtel, 12/13/65, captioned "Charles Baker Riddlehoover, aka, RM (Klan)."

Advise status of case, cc of 0-7 sent Atlanta.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Re Bureau O-7 to Miami cc to Atlanta, 3/21/66.

This matter is still pending, Miami. Atlanta requested by airtel 3/3/66 captioned "CHARLES BAKER RIDDLEHOOPER, aka RM (KLAN)" to advise Miami status of investigation.

The Bureau will be advised of future developments in this matter.

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**Dissension among Klansmen at Fort Lauderdale,
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March 15, 1966
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

On 3/14/66, while preparing to go to a meeting of Klavern #6, UKA, HENRY ROTHROCK, at his home in Davie, Fla., received an anonymous telephone call from a male who stated, "Don't go to the meeting tonight - There is going to be trouble."

ROTHROCK was of the opinion the caller was a troublemaker from the UFKKK.

CARL VINING told DAN ZBIN that the FBI had interviewed him and that he was quiting the Klan. VINING stated he feared he would lose his job with the State if he did not quit the Klan. ZBIN became extremely nervous and upset while VINING told him of being interviewed by the FBI.

SAM MC BROOM. E. C. of Klavern #6, has told ZBIN he could not attend any meetings of Klavern #6 without permission of the E.C. of Klavern #4. MC BROOM acts like he is suspicious that ZBIN is an informer for the police.

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MAY 6 1966 1. Photos of Satirical Cartoon

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MAR 11 1970 3. Tape of John W. Melton interview on the Forum TV show 7-7-70

MAR 26 1971 4. Ampex Recording Cassette containing speech of Capt. M. Melton on 3/26/71
 at Princeton, N.J. (to Bureau 3/24/71)

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